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## **5.8.2021 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program**

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### **Vaccination Questions, Requirements, and Policies for Employees**

Farm employers are taking different positions on how they handle employee vaccinations. In this post, Rich Stup from Cornell Ag Workforce provides helpful clarifications and resources for asking employees if they are vaccinated and policies regarding vaccination for employment.

### **Feeding Small Grains to Beef Cattle, by Penn State Extension**

Small grains can be alternatives to corn in beef rations. These grain sources can be added into crop rotations and distribute cropping and pricing risks, bearing in mind an equivalent or advantageous exchange price without sacrificing feed value.

### **Spring Green-up & Harvest Outlook by Betsy Hicks – April 30th, 2021**

The moisture we received the last few days plus some heat will affect the growing degree days as we move forward, so now is the time when we should starting looking at agronomic clues according to your location to help you determine when to harvest cover crop for dairy quality feed. The full update is available [here](#).

### **Spring Weed Control in Grass Hay and Pastures by Dwight Lingenfelter – Penn State University**

Over the past few weeks, we have received calls in the SWNY region pertaining to weed control options in grass hay and pastures. Spring weed control timing is critical and there are several options to consider. Remember, once weeds are in the “seed setting” stage, a herbicide application is no longer effective. Full article can be found [here](#).

### **Heat Stress and the Often-Forgotten Heifers by Carly Becker**

Research continues to show the negative long term effects that heat stress in heifers can have on dairy production. [Carly Becker](#) with Penn State Extension recently shared some [useful reminders](#) on the importance of cooling heifers.

### **Recruitment of Shepherds, Beekeepers, and Solar Sites for Industrial Solar Study**

The American Solar Grazing Association (ASGA) announced that it will collect and analyze data on the agricultural, economic, and environmental impacts of co-locating agricultural enterprises such as commercial beekeeping and sheep grazing on photovoltaic sites. Interested in participating in this study? You can [learn more](#) on the ASGA website.

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