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5.14.2021 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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Composting Butcher Waste and Livestock Mortalities – Upcoming Webinar

Composting mortalities and butchery waste is an easy, cost effective, environmentally sound, and compassionate practice. In this Livestock Program Work Team sponsored webinar, Jean Bonhotal, Waste Management Specialist and Director of the Cornell Waste Management Institute in Soil and Crop Sciences, will present how to compost livestock on-farm in NYS on [May 26th from 6:30pm – 8pm](#).

First Cutting Monitoring – May 11th, 2021 SCNY Report

Another week of alfalfa height monitoring is complete in our neighboring SCNY region. Monitoring alfalfa height is an important tool for determining first cutting harvest date.

Upcoming CCE Flock Talk – Brooding and Rearing Basics: Introduction to Waterfowl

This free Brooding and Rearing Basics class is for those who want to learn about raising waterfowl. Topics include breed selection, managing brooders, nutrition basics, housing basics, and considerations for producing eggs and meat. It will be offered May 26th from [12pm-1pm](#) and again from [7pm-8pm](#).

Property Assessment Grievance Day is Coming, Are You Ready? by NY Farm Bureau

Property Assessment Grievance Day occurs once a year, usually on the 4th Tuesday in May (though the date varies by municipality) and provides landowners an opportunity to review and contest their assessments. Assessments can be reviewed on your local municipality's website, and discrepancies can be brought up with your local assessor.

Managing and Abating Heat Stress on your Dairy in 2021 Webinar Recording

Understanding recent research on heat stress and what it means for your dairy herd. In case you missed the webinar, you can view the [recording](#) and [slides](#) online.

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