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## **6.4.2021 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program**

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### **We're Hiring!**

#### **Raising Holstein and Crossbred Steers**

Beef steers, whether purebred Holstein or Holstein crossed with beef genetics, are a co-product of milk production. Although both raised for beef, these animals grow differently and finish differently than pure beef breed steers. Because of this, it's important to understand how these animals grow and how genetics impact their final carcass yield and quality.

#### **Field Crops Chronicle – June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

This week's Field Crop Chronicle shares more information about Cereal Leaf Beetle in WNY and the importance of scouting for Black Cutworm Caterpillars. Contact our Field Crops Specialist, [Josh Putman](#), for more information.

#### **This History of the Development of the Large Round Bale**

With the common use of large round bales, it's amazing to think that they were invented only 50 years ago! You can read about how the bales were originally developed in [this historical article](#) from Ohio State University.

#### **Successful Farm Business Foundations Workshop Series**

Throughout the month of May, we did a quick, useful, and free workshop series for those looking for more information on Farm Business Management. Topics covered included Business Planning, Farm Financial Management, and Enterprise Analysis. The unedited video recordings and slide sets of the webinars can be viewed for free here or by contacting [Katelyn Walley-Stoll](#).

#### **Queer, BIPOC Farmers are Working for a More Inclusive and Just Farming Culture**

Traditionally marginalized communities experience farming culture differently and often in a negative manner. Young, queer farmers of color say they encounter high rates of racism, sexism, and other forms of identity-based oppression in farm country. [Here's how](#) they're working to change that.

#### **Weed Control Field Day on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm – 9:00pm – In Person – Panama, NY**

Weed control across the farm relevant for vegetables, fruit, and pasture/forage. Topics include weed ID of common and new species, why nightshades are so problematic, assessing impact of & control weeds in pasture, herbicide resistance, cultivator demo, and mid-season

weed control options. DEC credits requested (approval pending): 2.5 credits in categories 1a (commercial plant ag), 1.25 credit in category 21 (field crops), 1.5 credit in category 22 (fruit) and 2.0 credits in category 23 (vegetable).

**Weed Management Field Day on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm – 8:30pm – In Person – Filmore, NY**

Integrated weed management field day covering weed control in vegetables, small grains, and fruit. Topics include weed ID, new tool designs, getting better cultivation results, recognizing and managing herbicide resistance, group discussion on weed control strategies, and demonstrations. DEC credits requested (approval pending): 2.5 credits in categories 1a (commercial plant ag) and 10 (research/demo), 1.25 credit in category 21 (field crops), 2.0 credits in categories 22 (fruit) and 23 (vegetable).

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