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6.18.2021 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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We're Hiring!

Quick Poll – Tell Us about Your CDL Needs!

We're asking as many farms in our region as possible to fill out this quick poll (less than 2 minutes) to better gauge the needs of CDL training.

COVID Relief Available to Farmers of Color Through PASA Sustainable Agriculture

PASA Sustainable Agriculture is currently accepting [applications](#) for one-time payments of COVID relief money to farmers of color in the Northeast, including those who work on farms. Applications are open now and are due by June 26th. If you are not a farmer of color, but know someone, please forward if you feel comfortable doing so.

Low Yields Already? Time to Plan Ahead!

Parts of our region are still abnormally dry and have seen decreased first-cutting yields. This combination of low forages inventories from 2020 and dry areas this season can cause some worry! Cornell PRO-DAIRY shares resources for forage management [here](#).

Pasture Walk on Saturday, June 26th from 12pm – 2:30pm in Falconer, Chautauqua County

All dairy & livestock producers are invited to attend a pasture walk hosted by Brehm Farm, Inc. The Brehm's will discuss their successes and opportunities using rotational grazing for their 150-cow dairy herd, with discussion on managing pastures and time to share producers' experiences and questions.

Have you seen Gypsy Moth Larvae in Your Fields?

[From Mike Stanyard on the Northwest New York Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Team](#): Gypsy moth larvae are serious pests of deciduous trees and even conifers. They were really bad last year in the Finger Lakes and west. They are back in impressive numbers again this year and defoliating hardwoods in woodlots, parks and residential areas. What about field crops? I have been getting lots of phone calls and pictures of gypsy moth caterpillars in corn, soybean, wheat and even onions. Could they become a pest in our crops? The larvae are hungry and I think they will try anything once. I believe they may do a little feeding but realize it is not what they are looking for and move on.

Opportunity to Participate in a 9-Question Survey about Rodent Management Practices on NYS Farms

The New York State IPM Program helps farmers manage pests in ways that minimize environmental, health and economic risks. The purpose of this nine-question survey is to collect information about current rodent management practices around farms to identify opportunities for educational outreach. Interested in participating? Click [here](#)!

Short on hay? by Joe Lawrence and Kitty O'Neil

Managing forage inventories can be a difficult task, especially in years when weather challenges cut into

harvest yields. Learn more about some [management options](#) when forages are short in the spring.

The Links You Need

- Renew your [Residential Agricultural Discount](#) with NYSEG or [National Grid](#) by July 1st.
- [June’s Cows, Crops, and Critters Newsletter](#) from SWNYDLFC featuring Dairy Market Watch, Dry Manure Spreader Calibration, Caustic Paste Use, and Cereal Leaf Beetle.

Event Title	Date, Time, Location	Topics Covered
Southern Adirondack Wool Pool	June 14th - July 9th by appointment only at Battenkill Fibers in Greenwich, NY	Standard wool and long wool from 2019, 2020, and 2021 shearings accepted.
Supervisory Leadership Certificate Program from Cornell Agricultural Workforce Development	Six Weeks online with materials released June 18 and the first virtual meeting June 24	Organizing work for high quality results, managing performance and motivation, ethics and employment regulations.
Pasture Walk - Contact Lisa Kempisty, CCE-Chautauqua for more information	Saturday, June 26th from 12noon - 2:30pm at Brehm Farm, Inc. in Falconer, NY	Rotational grazing for 150-cow dairy herd, managing pastures, with a light lunch.
Cover Crop Field Day	Friday, July 16th, 2021 from 1pm - 3pm at Country Crossroads in Andover, NY	Tour of demo plots with several individual cover crops, tips for adding them to your operation.
Fiber Farm Fundamentals: Alpacas 101	July 22nd, 6pm - 8pm in Prattsburgh, NY	Buying, breeding, boarding, and birthing alpacas for fiber at Jeff and Leslie Jorritsma's alpaca farm. Free registration.

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