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7.8.2021 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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USDA Announces Grant to Assist Small Meat Processors Attain Federal Inspection Status

Small and mid-sized red meat and poultry processors looking to move from 5-A or custom exempt to USDA (federal inspection) status are encouraged to apply for this competitive grant. Applications are due by August 2nd, 2021. To read the official press release, learn more about the program, and find the link to the grant application, click [here](#).

Robotic Milking Could Be the Key to Your Dairy's Expansion by Rob Pol

Robotic milking can be a useful management tool for some farms. If considering adding robots to your farm, check out these management considerations to maximize the potential benefits.

Soybean Aphid Scouting information from Mike Stanyard, NWNYDLFC

From their most recent Crop Alert: The last three growing seasons have not been big soybean aphid years, which has been great! However, I saw the winged forms flying off buckthorn three weeks ago. We are hoping that plants treated with Cruiser will take care of those first aphids. However, I have two reports (Erie and Niagara County) from consultants that they have found some plants already over the threshold of 250 aphids per plant.

Dairy Market Watch Now Available – June 2021

June has brought some fluid milk distribution hurdles due to driver shortages and extreme heat. Dairy exports are helping to prop up dairy prices and positions the US positively as world demand is outpacing world production. Moving parts of domestic milk production, sales, exports – will affect the milk price for the second half of 2021.

Event Title	Date, Time, Location	Topics Covered
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.
2021 Southern Tier Wool Pool	September 10th (11am - 4pm) and 11th (8am - 2pm) in Morris, NY at the Fairgrounds.	Only clean white wool, both good clean and off-sorts/short wool, will be accepted.
How to Become a Pesticide Applicator	July 23rd, 2021, 6pm via Webinar	A walk through the process of becoming a certified pesticide applicator.
Summer 2021 Dairy Grazing Pasture Walk Series	July 28th, 12pm - 2pm, in Groton, NY	Controlling soil compaction in grazing systems, Dairy Farm business Summary, and the profitability of paved laneways.

<p>Fiber Farm Fundamentals: Alpacas 101</p>	<p>July 22nd, 6pm - 8pm in Prattsburgh, NY</p>	<p>Mary Kate will share how the Cornell Dairy Farm Business Summary benefits grazing dairies and present an example illustrating how the Carey's decision to pave laneways has influenced profitability on the farm.</p>
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