7.29.2021 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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Cornell PRO-DAIRY Releases Corn Silage Toolkit for 2021 Season
This year has been a rollercoaster ride for corn production – from early season drought to invasive weeds and pests and our current (seemingly) never ending rain. Find resources that discuss the effects of rainfall around pollination, weather induced stress, yield compromises from early season drought, and more here.

July Dairy Market Watch Available
Farm Business Management Specialist, Katelyn Walley-Stoll, release July’s Dairy Market Watch. Risk management will continue to be important as we see tightening margins with “okay” milk prices but high feed and forage prices. We’ll have to see how an improved export market, tightening cheese stocks, and seasonal weather production decreases will change the second half of 2021’s prices.

Cornell Research Participant Opportunity: By-the-Cut Meat Pricing and Sales Research Project
Cornell University is researching direct-to-consumer sales of locally raised meat products sold by-the-cut to help meat producers improve profitability. The project team is looking for farm participants. Participation includes collecting sales data with Point-of-Sale (POS) online sales software, like Square, and using Cornell's new online Meat Price Calculator.

USDA Ready to Help NY Farmers Recover from Recent Storms
Recent extreme weather conditions have impacted farmers and ranchers in New York. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), through the Farm Service Agency (FSA), has disaster assistance programs available to help agricultural producers recover after natural disasters, including floods.

American Farmland Trust Soil Health Field Day on August 31st 10am-3pm in Avon, NY
The American Farmland Trust has invited a panel of farmers and experts to share information on practical, field-tested results of advanced soil regenerative practices targeted to dairy, field and specialty crop farmers at the Mulligan Farm in Avon NY. The event is free and includes lunch, but requires preregistration.
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