2.23.2022 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension’s SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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- **SWNY Field Crops Congress Announced – 8 courses featuring Cornell Faculty, CCE Specialists, and Local Experts! DEC & CCA Credits Available.**

We’re so excited to announce our upcoming SWNY Field Crops Congress, kicking off on March 10th and running at lunch time on Thursdays and Fridays through April 1st. While this will be presented virtually, our local CCE offices will be opening up their locations for in-person viewing options (in East Aurora, Jamestown, Ellicottville, Belmont, and Bath). Watch at home or head to your local CCE to learn more about pest control, weed management, forage production, economic considerations, soil health and fertility, and challenges as we head into the 2022 season. Preregistration is required. Pay once and attend as many sessions as you’d like!

- **HPAI Found in NYS on 2/19/22 - Suffolk County**

With Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza now in New York State, it’s important to review your biosecurity plans, remain vigilant, and be prepared to contact a veterinarian or state diagnostic lab if you suspect that you may have the virus.

**Calving assistance guidelines: Determining if the Cow/Heifer Needs Your Help**

Decision-making is very important when observing a cow’s delivery. It is important that we know what to look for, when to intervene, and if we can help the cow ourselves or if professional assistance is needed. This article will give you a basic guideline to make these decisions easier when necessary. Check it out!

**Overview of the Cold Lambar System used at Cornell University**

A lambar system is one method of decreasing labor costs to artificially rear lambs and kids. This fact sheet reviews how to set up a low-cost system and prepare the lambs and kids for success.

**A Little Preparation Makes a Successful Shearing Day, by Dana Havas**

Shearing season can be stressful for shearers and shepherds alike, but it doesn’t have to be! This article reviews what farms can do months, weeks, and days in advance of shearing to help make sure that shearing day goes smoothly.

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