2.15.2022 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension’s SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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- Management matters: 3 tips for successful post-weaning calf management – Progressive Dairy
Here are three simple management and nutrition tips from the CCE North Country Dairy Specialist Casey Havekes to help heifers transition from the weaning to pre-breeding and breeding phases successfully. Click here to learn more.

- Draft CAFO Permit and Fact Sheet Released – PRO-DAIRY
Check out this material released from our friends of Pro-Dairy. The Draft State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) General Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) is now available for public comment through February 18, 2022.

- Replace Missing PTO Shields at Discount Prices, by Lynn Bliven
We’re all thinking Spring, which means it’s time to get that manure spreader up and ready. However, there can be risks to life and limb with using unprotected PTOs. A grant program through (NYCAMH) can aid in get those shields replaced at a discount, helping protect you this year and for years to come.

- Bull to Female Ratios – Preparing for Breeding Season, by Mark Johnson
Achieving a tighter calving window and earlier breeding results in older, heavier calves at weaning. We can achieve this in part by having a proper ratio of bulls to cows, which depends in part on bull age.

- Agronomy Fact Sheet Series
Cornell’s Nutrient Management Spear Program has just released a new series of fact sheets on topics related to Greenhouse Gas Inventory, Groundwater Protection Guidelines, Cover Crop Selection in Field Crop Systems, and Calibrating Manure Spreaders.
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