3.31.2022 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension’s SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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- Announcement of Fowl Show Ban in NYS - Will Re-Evaluate in Late May
With cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza increasing in NYS, Commissioner Ball has issued an order to ban all live fowl shows and exhibitions to help stop the spread. The situation will be re-evaluated at the end of May prior to the upcoming fair season.

- NYS HERO Act Plans No Longer in Effect
Employers are no longer required to implement their workforce safety plans. The NYS Department of Health removed the designation of COVID-19 as a serious risk to public health.

- Calving assistance guidelines: Infographic available in English and Spanish
Decision-making is very important when observing a cow’s delivery. We must know what to look for, when to intervene, and if we can help the cow ourselves or if professional assistance is needed. Click here for more information and check out the English and Spanish versions of an infographic created for this article!

- March 2022 Dairy Market Watch Now Available from Katelyn Walley-Stoll
In the past month, we’ve continued to see (and expect) strong prices across all classes. USDA’s all milk price forecast has jumped $1.50 higher than last month’s, up to $25.05/cwt.

- Consider Stocking Density Economics - Dairy Herd Management
The milk price outlook for 2022 has been a welcomed change over the past couple of years. Increasing the number of cows in the herd may be a way to capture the benefit of high milk prices. However, feed prices and animal behavior should also be considered. Learn more here

- Key puzzle pieces that impact first-lactation milk production- Progressive Dairy
While it's true that growing heifers don't need as much attention as pre-weaned heifers, pre-pubertal growth rate and weight and age at freshening are known to impact first-lactation performance considerably. Read more about crucial puzzle pieces on heifer rearing to ensure success here.

- 2022 Cornell Sheep Shearer List Now Available
The 2022 Cornell list of sheep shearers is now available. While all shearers on this list work with
sheep, many work with other species.

**Nationwide Database Search Engine for Livestock Insecticides Can Help You Find the Right Product!**

The Veterinary Entomology Pesticide Database can be used to search for which pesticides in which forms are approved for which species (both animal and pest!). This can be used as a resource to develop a list of potential products you can use on your livestock. Access the database here.

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