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4.5.2022 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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6 Reasons Why You Might Want to Drag Your Feet on the Way to the Carbon Credit Market

For some, selling carbon credits can be a helpful and efficient way to boost/diversify farm income. Especially since most of the practices that are used to sequester carbon also provide added soil health and additional benefits to the farmstead. Katelyn Walley-Stoll shares some key considerations and questions that you should consider before jumping right in.

Last Chance to Register for Profitable Meat Marketing Workshop – April 6th, 6pm – 8:30pm in Jamestown

You are raising and selling local meat, but are you making a profit? There are tools that can help with that! Learn about how to figure out your cost of production, use the NEW Cornell Meat Pricing Calculator to develop prices that deliver a profit in every channel, improve marketing techniques to reach target customers, and how to use MeatSuite.com

Managing and Feeding Cows in Automatic Milking Systems (AMS) – TOMORROW, April 6th, 12-1:30 pm

Don't forget to join us tomorrow at noon to talk with James Salfer and Dr. Greg Penner about the opportunities and pitfalls of managing cows in automatic milking systems! If you are not registered yet, click [here](#) to access the registration page. Hope to see you there!

Managing Predation in Poultry Flocks

It's the time of year where everything is waking up, including predators. Spring is when many of our trouble species are having young, increasing the feeding need. This article explores ways to keep your poultry safe.

Forage shrink costs more when inputs are high by Joe Lawrence and Ron Kuck (PRO-DAIRY)

As the 2022 growing season approaches, there is no shortage of discussion on the high and volatile prices of inputs for crop production. As always, the potential to mitigate these challenges comes from using/adopting current sound management practices. Click [here](#) to revisit how to evaluate management practices and look for opportunities to combat increased costs.

Promises and potential of automated milking systems (AMS)

Automatic milking systems have proven to be an efficient tool for milking cows and provide an

opportunity to manage labor costs. Like any other system, AMS has its downsides, and the decision to transition should be made carefully and reflect the needs and objectives of individual dairy farm operations. Learn more about the potential of this system [here](#).

USDA AMS Meat and Poultry Inspection Readiness Grant Now Accepting Applications

The Meat and Poultry Inspection Readiness Grant (MPIRG) program assists **currently operational meat and poultry slaughter and processing facilities** in obtaining a Federal Grant of Inspection under the [Federal Meat Inspection Act \(FMIA\)](#) or the [Poultry Products Inspection Act \(PPIA\)](#); or to operate as a State-inspected facility that is compliant with FMIA or PPIA under a respective [Cooperative Interstate Shipment \(CIS\) program](#). Applications are due **May 24, 2022**.

USDA AMS Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program Grant Now Accepting Applications

The Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP) provides grants to help eligible processors expand their capacity. Grants are capped at \$25M or 20% of the total project costs. Applications are due by May 11, 2022.

USDA's Meat and Poultry Processing Capacity Technical Assistance Program (MPPTA) Aids Grant Seekers

USDA's Meat and Poultry Processing Capacity Technical Assistance Program (MPPTA) can help federal grant applicants complete their applications. There are many experts across multiple organizations that can assist.

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