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## **6.3.2022 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program**

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### **Welcome Katelyn Miller! SWNYDLFC's Field Crops Specialist**

Katelyn Miller, an Alfred State College graduate, joined our team on June 1<sup>st</sup>. She's from a small dairy farm in Chautauqua County and has experience with crop scouting and weed/pest identification. You can contact Katelyn M. by emailing [km753@cornell.edu](mailto:km753@cornell.edu) or calling 716-640-2047.

### **So, What Adds Value to a Beef Feeder Calf? By Amy Barkley**

Pre-conditioning through castration, vaccinations, weaning, and deworming can all add value to a calf, while providing a robust animal to buyers for their finishing stages of production.

### **NYS Farm Directory Launching in June 2022**

NYS DAM will be launching a new farm directory on their website soon. This will show contact information and products offered for each identifying farm. Farms will need to opt out if they wouldn't like to be listed. View the website, and complete your entry (or opt-out), online here: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/farming/farm-directory>.

### **7 Business Planning Considerations for On-Farm Dairy Processing by Katelyn Walley-Stoll**

Are you considering On-Farm Milk Processing as an option for your dairy farm? This change will have significant changes to your farm's business and financial management. Learn more about 7 key considerations, which include management team support, opportunity cost, and financial position.

### **Milk fat above 4% is the new normal – University of Minnesota Extension**

In 2021, the benchmark average milk fat for a Holstein herd achieved 4%. This number is 0.25% higher than the 3.75% number we used to see in 2012., Dr. Salfer, a professor at UMN, discusses the factors leading to this incredible stride in milk fat and strategies to improve your herd's butterfat test.

### **NYS Offers Herd/Flock Health Assistance to Cattle and Small Ruminant Producers**

The [New York State Cattle Health Assurance Program \(NYSCHAP\)](#) and the [New York State Sheep/Goat Health Assurance Program \(NYSSGHAP\)](#) were developed to aid producers with setting up whole herd/flock health management programs. These programs are provided free of charge.

### **7 Steps to Start Calves on Starter - Bovine Veterinarian**

Aggressively consuming dry feeds is the gateway to healthy weaning for young dairy calves. But

many calves are reluctant to begin consuming starter grain, especially if they are on a nutrient-heavy liquid ration. [This article](#) offers seven ideas to help get young calves to consume starter grain.

**FAMACHA/Small Ruminant IPM Workshop – Friday, June 10, 5:30pm – 8:30pm in Houghton**

Small ruminant producers are invited to this hands-on, in-person FAMACHA training, which includes parasite management strategies to reduce dewormer use and resistance on the farm. Please register with Lynn Bliven (Lynn Bliven 585-268-7644 ext. 18 or email [lao3@cornell.edu](mailto:lao3@cornell.edu)) by June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Dairy Processing Webinar Series 3rd session - Wednesday at 6:00 pm! (June 8th)**

Don't forget to join us on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm for the final session of our on-farm dairy processing webinar series. Cornell experts will go over considerations for designing your processing facility for quality production. [Register now by clicking here.](#)

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