7.29.2022 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension’s SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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← July 2022 Crops, Cows, and Critters – Now Available!

We hope you’ll take a moment to scroll through our monthly newsletter! Learn more about:

- Katelyn Walley-Stoll’s trip to the NACAA Professional Improvement Conference (with a picture of a gator hanging out with cows!)
- Amy Barkley’s overview of the deadly poultry ailment, Marek’s Disease
- Camila Lage’s work on creating short, animated videos on Understanding and Mitigating Lameness
- Katelyn Miller’s strategies for restoring and maintaining the productivity of perennial hayfields

Inflation’s Effect on Consumer Purchases and Farm Expansion – July Dairy Market Watch

From Katelyn Walley-Stoll - We’re starting to see a bigger response to inflation which is driving down dairy products purchases and prices. Inflation on actual dairy products is historically uncommon, but rising prices for other consumer goods force buyers to make decisions.

Livestock Conservancy Microgrants Now Accepting Applications

This small-award grant program is open to those who steward livestock species which are considered endangered. Minigrant categories include National, Youth, Premier 1, and Breed Association.

The Delicate Art of Weaning Calves, by Dr. John Comerford, PSU Extension

Weaning calves is one of the more stressful experiences in a calf’s life, but if done correctly and timely can provide a strong, independent animal with a higher market value.

NYS DEC Releases New CAFO Permit – PRO-DAIRY

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation released a new ECL SPDES General Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) - Permit No. GP-0-22-001. This permit will replace the current ECL CAFO General Permit GP-0-16-001. While it was issued on July 22, 2022, the permit will become effective on January 23, 2023. Learn more about it here.
Tired Cows Would Rather Rest than Eat - Bovine Veterinarian
A review of studies about lying behavior in dairy cows showed that when forced to make a choice, cows will pick resting over eating. Based on her evaluation of lying time studies, Dr. Cassandra Tucker (UC Davis) offered 6 take-away pieces of advice for helping cows achieve the rest they need. Learn more.

New York Growers Association: Corn and Soybean Summer Crop Tour
Registration is now open for the 2022 Summer Crop tour held in Canandaigua, NY. The event is on August 11, 2022, from 8 am-3:30 pm. Topics include but are not limited to market overview, risk management, and yield collection results. Click here to register.

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