8.31.2022 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension’s SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

A partnership between Cornell University and the Cornell Cooperative Extension Associations in these five counties: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, and Steuben.

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Record High Butter Prices, Hopes for Pizza Sales, and the Start of the Slow(?) Decline by Katelyn Walley-Stoll

Read to learn more about why Granny’s cookies might be in trouble (high butter prices), why Josh Allen’s throwing arm is really important – Go Bills (a lot of cheese goes on pizza), and the USDA’s softened price forecasts for 2022 and 2023 (ranging from a $.30 -$.1.35 decreases).

Inventorying Forage

With low forage yields, knowing what you have in inventory is critical to help plan for how to best manage your feed. Utilize this article and its sources to help make sound feed management decisions in your operation for the upcoming year.

Cattle Implanting Procedure and Education, Short Video by PSU Extension

This video reviews the background behind how implanting cattle is safe for both cattle and consumers, while increasing farmers’ income per animal by $50 - $100. It also details the proper procedures used to implant cattle safely and effectively.

2-minute On-Farm Feeder School Survey

Would you be interested in an On-Farm Feeder School Training in our region this fall? – Answer this 2 min survey! The feeder school training is an in-person program for people that are currently feeding dairy cows, people that want to become feeders, or anyone interested in learning more about dairy cows’ nutrition and the art of feeding cows (learn more here). Your feedback is essential for us!

Upcoming Events!

Cover Crop Field Day UPDATE

Join the SWNY Dairy, Livestock and Field Crop Program for a cover crop field day! Three cover crop plots consisting of sorghum sudangrass, teff, and buckwheat were seeded in mid-July, and this field day will evaluate their performance to date and provide the opportunity to walk through the test plots of sorghum sudangrass, teff, and buckwheat, learn from experts about integrating these crops
into your system for diversifying your cropping system, weed suppression in-between crops, soil health, value as a livestock feed as well as connect with other local farmers looking to use these cover crops. Reservations are encouraged but not required. Please call or email Katelyn Miller at (716) 640-2047 or km753@cornell.edu for more information. **1.5 CCA credits are now available!**

**Ag CDL Training for Erie County Farmers and Farm Employees**
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County (CCE Erie) is now offering an agricultural CDL (commercial driver license) training program. This training program for both Class A and Class B licenses is intended for **farmers** and **farm employees** from Erie County. If space is still available after September 1st, the remaining seats will be opened to farmers and farm employees from adjacent counties (note that CCE-Genesee and CCE-Wyoming currently run similar training programs). For program details see: [https://erie.cce.cornell.edu/events/2022/10/18/ag-cdl-training-erie](https://erie.cce.cornell.edu/events/2022/10/18/ag-cdl-training-erie)

**2022 Cornell Sheep & Goat Symposium on Grazing Management for Goats and Sheep Announced**
Join experts in sheep and goat management on September 16-17 in Ithaca for a series of workshops in grazing management, solar grazing, internal parasite management, and using goats to manage problem vegetation.

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