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8.19.2022 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](#).

Thank you Ben Scott from Advanced Dairy Services, Joe Foster from [Laing-Gro](#), and Don Wild from Wild Acres Family Farm for sponsoring this Weekly Update.

← [August 2022 Crops, Cows, and Critters – Now Available!](#)

August's newsletter features tons of helpful and timely information, including:

- Managing Feed Storage
- Retrofitting for farm facility expansion and efficiencies
- Staying Safe Around Beef Cattle
- Managing Your Earnings in 2022
- And More!

[What is the Net Zero Initiative for US Dairy? - by Lindsay Ferlito](#)

In February, CCE Dairy Specialists from across the state and PRO-DAIRY hosted a 2-part virtual program titled "Net Zero for Dairy: What you Need to Know." The first presentation was from Karen Scanlon (Dairy Management Inc.) providing an overview of the Net Zero Initiative. [Check out this article](#) that summarizes her presentation.

[Give Your Herd Health Records a Tune-up - Dairy Herd Management](#)

On herd health day, how often do you find yourself scribbling notes and jotting down cow numbers on random pieces of paper? Probably often. But how often do you forget to plug those notes into your herd health system? Probably more than you care to admit. [Check out this article](#) for tips to help keep herd health records in tip-top shape.

[August 2022 Update on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza](#)

[There has been no major update in NYS since the last outbreak in a backyard poultry flock on April 6th. However, there are cases still circulating in Western US, with some in the Midwest, and some along the East Coast. Wild birds in NYS and surrounding states are still testing positive for the virus.](#)

[Record Silking/Tasseling Dates for Corn Fields](#)

Tracking Growing Degree Days (GDD's) is an effective way to monitor the progress of a corn crop. [Click here](#) to utilize the Climate Smart Farming GDD tool with an [instructional video](#) from Dr. Kitty O'Neil with the North Country Regional Ag Team to estimate GDD accumulation from planting. With this tool you can also enter silking/tasseling date in the planting box to track accumulation from that date.

On-Farm Milk Storage and Handling Grant – Application due October 6, 2022

The Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center recently announced a grant opportunity for dairies to purchase equipment and other related costs that will improve milk storage, handling, and energy efficiencies. Awards range from \$15,000 - \$50,000 with a 25% cash or in-kind match recommended.

Upcoming Events!

5th Annual Chautauqua County Farmer Neighbor Dinner

Join us in celebrating this industry, meet local producers, and taste foods sourced locally from Chautauqua County. This dinner will be held at The Grandview of Ellington, 1116 West Hill Road Ellington, NY on August 23rd. To attend, call Cassandra Pinkoski at 716-664-2351 ext. 5.

Virtual Tick & Livestock Management Workshop on August 23-24, 12pm – 3:45pm

Join the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and U.S. Department of Agriculture for a two-day virtual symposium, August 23rd and 24th, on ticks. The program will especially focus attention on the Asian Longhorned Tick (ALT) and its potential impact on the U.S. cattle industry.

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Making a Living Farming - Springville, NY August 24th, 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Join the Young Farmer's Coalition of WNY and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York for a presentation on how to make a living farming, USDA-NRCS support programs for small and beginning farmers, and how to achieve organic certification.

Soil Health Field Day

American Farmland Trust invites you to a Soil Health Field Day on August 25th, 2022, at Gary Swede Farms in Pavilion, NY. There is no cost to attend, but you must register by August 19th.

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>

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