9.22.2022 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension’s SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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Lean Management: Practical applications and challenges on dairy farms

In this article, Barry Putnam and Mary Kate MacKenzie explain “Lean management” and how farmers and farm managers can use this tool to increase the efficiency of labor and other inputs in response to rising costs. Check it out!

It’s Go Time for Winter Cereals

Winter annual forages are a valued feed source across the United States, but this year they will offer extra benefits to those areas that have been stricken with drought. The beauty of winter annuals is that they work just about anywhere, assuming there is sufficient moisture. Read on for tips on how to successfully utilize these crops.

Did the Pregnancy Take? Pregnancy Verification Options for Your Momma Cows

Cows that are able to produce a calf a year are going to be the most efficient for your beef enterprise vs those that either don’t take or require multiple breedings annually. Checking for open cows early will help you make culling decisions, and can be done via rectal palpation, ultrasound, or blood test.

Calf Jacket Rules of Thumb - Dairy Herd Management

Heat stress may still be an issue in some parts of the country, but winter’s chill isn’t far away. One way to help calves thrive through cold conditions is by protecting them with calf jackets. Check out these 8 “rules of thumb” shared by industry and extension experts to help your calves thrive during winter.

Fall Weed Control Options

Fall is an ideal time to control many of our troublesome weeds present in fields after harvest. It is easier to control many of these weeds in the fall rather than waiting until spring. A fall burndown application will not always eliminate the need for a spring burndown application prior to planting but provides a broader spring burndown application window. Click here to read more about your herbicide options.

UPCOMING EVENTS!
Last Chance to Register for the NY Beef Producers Association Beef Expo Weekend Sept. 24th – 25th in Seneca Falls

The Beef Expo Weekend brings together experts in beef production and management, farmers, and industry representatives to help farmers learn more about producing quality NYS beef. RSVPs are due by September 17th.

Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Training at Town Line Livestock in Perrysburg, NY, Oct. 15th, 9am – 2pm

BQA is a nationwide training and certification program that arms beef producers with the tools they need to make sound management decisions for the health of their cattle, the safety of their customers, and the quality of their beef.

Save the Date: Cornell Sheep Shearing School – Friday, Nov. 11 – Saturday, Nov. 12th, 8:30am – 4:00pm in Ithaca

This two day in-person training is for shearers with prior experience who are looking to make shearing a profession. Instruction will include the shearing pattern, blade sharpening techniques, physical fitness, hand piece maintenance, shearing resources from the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI), and more.

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