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## **9.30.2022 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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### **Managing for Optimum Body Condition Scores, by Dr. Mark Johnson**

[Body condition scores indicate the fatness or skinniness of an animal and should be a 5.5 in beef cows \(6 in heifers\) for optimal breeding. Managing the weight of cattle after weaning will influence how well they breed back the following year.](#)

### **FARM Program Continuing Education Articles in Spanish by Lindsay Ferlito**

Version 4.0 of the National Dairy FARM Program is effective from January 1, 2020, to June 30, 2024. One of the changes to this version is the requirement for employee training and continuing education. Check out these [Spanish articles](#) written by CCE Dairy Specialists Lindsay Ferlito and Dr. Kaitlyn Lutz, covering topics that can be used as continuing education at your farm.

### **Silo Gases: The Hidden Danger**

We have all heard the old saying, "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing." This is true of many aspects of farming, and in particular with silo gases. In fact, where these gases are involved we ought to add that "No knowledge can be fatal." Although injuries and fatalities caused by silo gases may not occur as often as other kinds of farm incidents, they are and will continue to be a very real hazard for as long as silage remains a common livestock feed. Because of this it is important that every farm worker understand the dangers associated with silo gases and how to deal with them.

### **October Dairy Risk Management Calendar**

From Progressive Dairy – A summary of the tools and information to help manage financial risk for the month ahead. CME futures show 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Class III prices averaging \$20.68/cwt and Class IV futures at \$23.45/cwt.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

### **One Week Left to Register for FAMACHA and IPM Training for Sheep and Goats at Mitrowski House farm in Machias, NY on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm – 6:30pm**

[Join Amy Barkley of the SWNYDLFC Team and Lynn Bliven of CCE Allegany for a comprehensive, hands-on FAMACHA training. We will review common internal parasites of sheep and goats, anti-parasitic drug classes and the use of Integrated Pest Management to reduce resistance in parasite populations, and pasture management for optimal forage production and limiting of potential](#)

parasite burdens.

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**Maple Syrup Workshop from CCE-Steuben on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5pm – 8pm**

Are you new to maple syrup production or an experienced sugarmaker interested in improving your operation? Join Cornell University Maple Specialist, Aaron Wightman, for an evening of maple syrup production tips and research updates. A variety of topics for a range of skill levels will be presented through a combination of slides, hands-on exercises, and demonstrations. Active participation and discussions are encouraged.

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**Fall Update on the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Outbreak Scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th from 7:00pm – 8:00pm over Zoom**

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) is still circulating in the US, with the number of cases in both commercial and backyard flocks increasing as we head into fall. All poultry famers, hobbyists, and enthusiasts are invited to join Cornell Cooperative Extension's Livestock Program Work Team and the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets to learn more about this disease, what we know so far about the current outbreak, and how we should prepare moving into the heart of the fall migration.

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**Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Training at Town Line Livestock in Perrysburg, NY, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 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. 12<sup>th</sup>, 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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