10.13.2022 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 Matt Budine from Progressive Dairy Solutions, Inc., Joe Foster from Laing-Gro, and Patrick Coates from Farm Credit East for sponsoring this Weekly Update.

We (still) Need Your Help! Help us build a service provider directory.

SWNYDLFC is working to build a service provider directory to help foster future collaborations and support farmers across the region. Right now we’re looking to learn more about the various providers in the following categories: Veterinarian/Practice, Lime and/or Fertilizer Supplier, Tax Preparer and/or Accountant, and Feed Mill and/or Grain Supplier. Complete our survey here.

“Meat” Your Farmer Events Scheduled for November 5th and 9th in Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties

These events bring together livestock farmers and the community through a pop-up farmer’s market, tasting of locally sourced meats, and an educational program about purchasing bulk meat. We are currently looking for farmer participants to set up booths and donate meats for the tastings!

Soil Holds the Cards

Soil testing is the base for determining management decisions. With the current markets for all crop nutrients, don’t play a guessing game with the most important input cost out there. The crop this year is going to be different than last year when it comes to yield and what it will take to get that yield. So don’t expect similar nutrient levels as last year. The pressure to buy fertilizer gets to be sooner and sooner every year, so soil testing provides the information needed quickly.

Dairy Profit Monitor Trends July 2020 through June 2022 by Lauren Augello and Jason Karszes

With the unpredictable cycles in the dairy industry and fluctuations in prices, it is important to continually monitor the performance of your dairy business. The Dairy Profit Monitor Program is a tool that can aid in measuring farm business performance monthly

UPCOMING EVENTS!

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.

Young Farmer’s Coalition Board of Director Elections & Potluck – October 23rd 5-7:30pm at the Grange Hall, Corfu NY
The first official chapter meeting of the Young Farmer’s Coalition of WNY will decide the leadership going into 2023 and will feature a potluck with ample time for socializing with other farmers in the community. Farmers of all ages and seasons are invited to the meeting and run for a position on the board.

SAVE THE DATE (Nov 9th) and register now for Feeder School (English and Spanish)
Join CCE and PRO-DAIRY for a Feeder School on Wednesday, November 9th (10 am-3 pm) at Karr Dairy Farm – Hornell - NY. This hands-on in-person program will bring Cornell and Industry experts to cover essential cow nutrition and ingredient management. We will offer English & Spanish stations on the same training. This training will have a $50 fee/per person that will cover all materials for the training, and lunch and scholarships are available for those who need them. Register now.

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.

2022 New York Soil Health Summit – Thursday, November 17th
Join virtually on Thursday, November 17th, from 9 am-12 pm, with an additional breakout session from 1-2 pm. Policymakers, researchers, agricultural nonprofits, extension educators, and farmers will join together to share current soil health activities and discuss future opportunities in New York State. More details and registration coming soon!

2022 New York Soil Health Summit
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