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## **10.19.2022 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](#).

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### **2022 Feeder School SWNY - Registration Now Open**

Join us at Karr Dairy Farm – Hornell for this one-day On-Farm Training for Dairy Farm Feeders. We will go over essential information on cow nutrition and ingredient management (Offered in English and Spanish on the same site!). [Register here or reserve your spot by contacting Camila Lage at 607-422-6788.](#)

### **How New York Farmers Adapted to 60-Hour Overtime from Cornell Ag Workforce**

New York farmers are putting much thought into adapting their businesses in response to the state's farm labor overtime requirements. Cornell researchers are studying how farms adapted and continue to adapt to changing regulatory requirements and to an overall tight and competitive labor market.

### **Dairy Farming Essentials: Navel Care Beyond the Dip**

Disinfecting the navel cord is a common practice in farms and, for the most part, a straightforward process. However, recent studies have shown we may overlook herds' navel infections. [Check out this article and its printable summary to learn how to identify navel problems and how you can step up the navel care protocol at your farm.](#)

### **A Representative Soil Sample Makes All The Difference**

"An acre of soil to a 6-inch depth weighs about 1,000 tons, yet less than 1 ounce of soil is used for each test in the laboratory." That number is quite staggering. Therefore, pulling a high-quality soil sample is important every time we hit the field. Here are a few tips for accomplishing just that to round out a successful crop season.

### **Looking to Make and Sell Food From your Home Kitchen? Read This First!**

[Making and selling goods from your home kitchen can be a great way to diversify your farm business. Farms looking to do this will need to register with the state and are limited on what they can produce without a commercial kitchen license.](#)

### **Dairy Producers Invited to Enroll in Dairy Margin Coverage (October 17 – December 9)**

Dairy producers can now enroll for 2023 coverage through the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) Program, an important safety net program from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that helps producers manage changes in milk and feed prices. To determine the appropriate level of DMC coverage for a specific dairy operation, producers can use the [online dairy decision tool](#).

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**[Insight into a Farmer's Grazing Cycle Through the Seasons, Ulf Kintzel](#)**

[In this Cornell Small Farms article, Ulf reviews how the stocking density, pasture rotation, and grazing schedule he sets for his sheep allow him to graze well into the late fall and meet his forage needs year-round.](#)

**[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.](#)

**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**[Young Farmer's Coalition Board of Director Elections & Potluck – October 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.](#)

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**[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 9<sup>th</sup> (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. 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.](#)

**[Webinar: Raising and Managing Cows for Automated Milking Systems – November 16th](#)**

Advancements in technology have made AMS a reliable machine that can harvest milk successfully. However, as with any other system, management is key to guaranteeing productivity and efficiency. In AMS, cow behavior is a big piece of the puzzle. Join CCE and MSU on a FREE webinar about raising

and managing cows on AMS. **Register now by clicking here**

**2022 New York Soil Health Summit – Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

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**

Join us (virtually) on Tuesday December 13th, 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!

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