10.27.2022 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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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.

One More Week to Register as a Farm at our “Meat” Your Farmer Events in Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties!

We are still looking for farmers to participate in one or both of our upcoming events held in Ellicottville on Saturday November 5th from 1pm – 3pm and in Jamestown on Wednesday, November 9th from 6pm – 8pm. The events will bring together livestock farmers and the community through a pop-up farmer’s market, tasting of locally produced meats, and educational program on purchasing bulk meats at each location.

Spotted Lanternfly PSA Video Released by CCE

Are you looking to understand and/or share more about the invasive Spotted Lanternfly in NYS? Check out this 2-minute sharable video, which outlines what it looks like, how it affects us, and how to report sightings to NYS Ag and Markets. An infestation has recently been confirmed in Buffalo.

Herbicide Supplies and Storage during the Winter

With volatile supply chain issues, it may make sense to purchase bulk inventory of herbicides and/or other pesticides. However, you must keep in mind appropriate storage parameters, namely issues regarding freezing of pesticide products. Read on to learn how to store these products safely for the upcoming winter season.

Attention Dairy Farmers: Last chance for Animal Care V5 comments!

The FARM Program’s open comment period for the Animal Care Version 5 Standards revisions is closing this Friday, Oct. 28. Don’t forget to submit your feedback this week. Click here to view the proposed changes and submit your comments in the online survey. If you want to learn more about the program before filling out the survey, check it out this awesome presentation by Lindsay Ferlito explaining the current version of the program.
2022 Feeder School SWNY - Did you register yet?
Register today for our upcoming on-farm Dairy Feeder School program in English and Spanish. This statewide program is offered on Nov 9, 2022, in Steuben County at Karr Dairy Farm, Hornell, NY. Register here or reserve your spot by contacting Camila Lage at 607-422-6788 and please share with others interested in this information!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Labor Roadshow VI – Online and In-Person Options Offered
Labor continues to be the primary challenge for many farm businesses and Labor Roadshow VI tackles those challenges head-on. Join New York’s Ag Workforce Development Council to learn about the information you need to know. 11/9 in Batavia, 11/10 in Auburn, 11/22 in Ballston Spa with 11/10 online option.

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.

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]

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 are coming soon!]

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