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7.23.2020 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

Livestock Producers – Share Your Slaughterhouse Access Experiences

The Cornell Small Farms Program is inviting livestock producers to help communicate with policy-makers on the scope of possible processing roadblocks that affect meat sales and farm profitability. The recent pandemic has brought a new rush of potential customers and we've heard from several producers that are struggling to get appointments at our local slaughterhouse facilities. Please consider [taking the survey here](#) by Monday, July 27th at 5pm.

Early-Season Corn Diseases: Northern Corn Leaf Blight

In 2019, northern corn leaf blight (NCLB) appeared throughout the Southwest New York region. In general, NCLB is more of an issue in fields with a history of continuous corn production however this year, the environment has been conducive for the infection to occur in first year corn fields as well. Environmental conditions of 65-85F, sporadic rain events, and humidity can result in an NCLB infection. Early NCLB symptoms appear as long, narrow, tan lesions that form on the leaf surface of a corn plant. As the disease progresses, the lesions become longer, more oblong, or "cigar-shaped" and can appear grayish in color. These lesions can range from 1-8 inches long with multiple lesions forming dense, irregular areas of dead tissue on the corn leaves. Cornell University Field Crops Plant Pathologist, [Dr. Gary Bergstrom](#), recommends we scout our fields now for early disease detection. For more information visit [Purdue University Extension](#) or contact Field Crops Specialist, [Josh Putman](#).

A table for two (calves) by Abby Bauer

Recent research highlighted in the July Hoard's Dairyman Webinar expands on the benefits of group housing calves. [Emily Miller-Cushion](#), associate professor at the University of Florida, has been looking at social housing from the perspective of the calf. The research highlighted in the webinar and [article by Abby Bauer](#), show that calves value social contact and are willing to work for access to it. For additional information on social housing, check out the [webinar recording](#), [article](#), or contact dairy management specialist, [Alycia Drwencke](#).

Are Your Beef Cattle Getting Enough Quality Water?

Beef cattle have water needs that vary based on weight, diet, and temperature. Providing ample, clean water sources will help to maintain good health, rate-of-gain, and welfare through the hot summer months and beyond. This article, adapted from the fact sheet developed by Ted G. Dyer of the University of Georgia Extension, explains general rules of thumb for how much water should be provided to cattle as well as common water anti-quality parameters to check. If you have any questions about water quality or quantity for livestock, contact our Livestock and Beginning Farm Specialist, Amy Barkley at amb544@cornell.edu or (716) 640 – 0844.

Relief Payments Available for BIPOC Producers Impacted by COVID-19

The Northeast BIPOC Farmer Relief Fund is now accepting applications for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) folks living in the Northeast who work in agriculture and have been economically impacted by the COVID crisis. The fund provides \$500 relief payments for up to 200 applications, and is sponsored by Farm Aid and administered by Pasa Sustainable Agriculture. Applicants do not have to own a farm, but must work in agriculture or fishing, and do not have to provide specific loss amounts or share information regarding immigration status. The [simple application](#) process is available by visiting pasafarming.org/relief or by calling 814-349-9856 ext. 701.

Upcoming Events

Our team has been keeping our events page on our website as up to date as possible. You'll find SWNYDLFC generated programming and more. Several of our industry partners have been providing helpful webinars to help keep producers up-to-date while also addressing seasonal needs.

USDA to Host Webinar on Assistance for Small Scale Meat Processing

The USDA is hosting a live webinar on July 28th at 3:30pm EST to review programs that can be used to assist small scale meat processors with expanding their businesses. These include grants, loans, and loan guarantees. Under Secretary for Food Safety, Mindy Brashears, and Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development, Bette Brans, will share information on the following topics: Funding for small scale processing; how to get a federal grant of inspection; and state and custom exempt inspection programs. You can register for this event here: <https://ems8.intellor.com/?do=register&t=1&p=830079>

CCE Allegany To Host Online On-Farm Poultry Processing Workshop

If you raise meat birds and are looking for a training class to learn about proper dressing techniques and selling poultry in New York under the 1,000 bird exemption, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Allegany County is hosting an online training this coming Monday, July 27, 2020 from 1-4pm. Workshop participants will learn to recognize diseases of public health concern, take basic biosecurity measures, write and implement basic Standard Sanitary Operating Procedures, develop Good Manufacturing Practices and an understanding of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point plans, along with properly dispose of offal and management of waste water. This class is designed to meet the requirement of hands-on training for some farm insurance policies. To register and receive the meeting link, contact Lynn Bliven (585) 268 7644 (x18), or email lao3@cornell.edu. More details can be found here: <https://swnydlfc.cce.cornell.edu/event.php?id=1245>

You are receiving this email because you have enrolled/subscribed to the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program through your local county extension office or through our contact form. To discontinue receiving updates from our program, simply reply to this email with "stop". If you have any questions, please reach out. If you know of someone who would benefit from our team's resources or is interested in learning more, please share the online contact form available at: https://cornell.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eVG2c8y0BtXaRgx

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM OUR TEAM: Cornell Cooperative Extension's Southwest New York Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program prioritizes the health, safety, and well-being of our staff, constituents, and community members. **We are dedicated to continuing our exceptional programming and support services for the agricultural community in our region during this time of uncertainty.** Our team is continuing to answer requests for phone, email, and mail consultations while developing research-based virtual programming and resources to support our farm businesses. We are still able to travel throughout the region to conduct on-farm visits and research while following proper social distancing guidelines. We continue to communicate via weekly email updates and have increased our paper mailings. We are proud to be in positions where we can help farmers manage their businesses during this time and hope that you and your family stay safe and healthy!

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[NY Eden Provides Drought Management Resources](#)

COVID-19 response:

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General Questions & Links:

<https://eden.cce.cornell.edu/>

Food Production, Processing & Safety Questions:

<https://instituteforfoodsafety.cornell.edu/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Employment & Agricultural Workforce Questions:

<http://agworkforce.cals.cornell.edu/>

Cornell Small Farms Resiliency Resources:

<https://smallfarms.cornell.edu/resources/farm-resilience/>

Financial & Mental Health Resources for Farmers:

<https://www.nyfarmnet.org/>

Cornell Farmworker Program

www.farmworkers.cornell.edu

www.trabajadores.cornell.edu (en espanol)

