12.7.2022 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 Robert Church & Whitney Davis from Finger Lakes Dairy Service, Inc., Don Wild from Wild Acres Family Farm, and Cliff Love from Nutrien for sponsoring this Weekly Update.

December 2022 Crops, Cows, & Critters Now Available!
Read our online version to learn more about:
--> Knowing Bale Weights
--> DIY Sheep Feeders
--> Farm Safety Reminder
--> Dairy Margin Coverage...and More!

Deadline to Enroll in Dairy Margin Coverage is December 9th!
This foundational risk management will help safe guard against volatile milk prices. Be sure to visit your local FSA office before the enrollment deadline to get signed up.

Keeping Your Flock in Production Through the “Off Months”
Egg production naturally slows as we approach winter, but there are some proven strategies to keep your flock’s production up! These include daylength, hen age, hen breed, and feed and water availability.

- Weed resistance a growing problem in N.Y.
Weed control is a major concern for growers, especially considering the growing trend of herbicide resistance. Read labels carefully, be open to other techniques that can help preserve the herbicide arsenal, learn about how herbicide resistant weeds are spreading throughout NYS and how to reduce incidence of spread.

- Chop talk: The importance of forage particle size in the diet -Progressive Dairy
Most dairy farms feed carefully balanced diets formulated to meet their cows' dietary needs, depending on their age and stage of lactation. However, the diet formulated on paper and delivered to the farm is only part of the equation. Read more about the importance of forage particle size in the diet here.

- It’s County Enrollment/Subscription/Support Time!
Our program (SWNDYFLC) exists because 5 incredibly supportive Cornell Cooperative Extension Associations came together and partnered to better serve the needs of our region’s agricultural community. One way you can support them is by signing up for their enrollment/subscription/support programs. Reach out to your county’s Cornell Cooperative Extension Association to learn more! Click here for: CCE-Allegany; CCE-Cattaraugus; CCE-Chautauqua; CCE-Erie; CCE-Steuben.

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