1.12.2022 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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3 New Year’s Resolutions for Farm Financial Management by Katelyn Walley-Stoll

The beginning of the new year offers us a chance to reset, start with a blank slate, and have the best of intentions for the months ahead. While many of us might make New Year’s Resolutions around our health, farm production, and others - I can bet that you’ve never set some for your farm’s financial management!

Tips for Avoiding Copper Toxicity in Sheep by Amy Barkley

While a necessary nutrient, sheep have a very low tolerance threshold for copper. This article reviews some practical considerations for managing your sheep diets to avoid toxicity.

A Farm Advisory Team Can Help You Succeed

Managing all the complexities of a dairy farm is a challenging task. In this article, Chris Zoller, Extension Educator at Ohio State University, explains how putting a farm advisory team together can help address the challenges and contribute to the success of your operation. Good news: Dairy Advancement Funds is available through Cornell PRO-DAIRY for new Advisory teams! Read about it here or call Camila Lage (607-422-6788) for more information.

Have Storm Damage from the December 2022 Blizzard? Report it to CCE!

CCE is working with officials to understand the extent of the December 2022 Blizzard. We are collecting information on damage to agricultural infrastructure, equipment, livestock, stored crops, and/or winter produce. You can either fill out the reporting survey, found at this link or report the damage to one of our team’s regional specialists. If you had damage from the November 2022 storm and haven’t yet reported it, you can do that at this time.

New York Certified Organic Meetings are back!

The New York Certified Organic (NYCO) dairy and field crops farmer-to-farmer meetings will finally return to the Jordan Hall auditorium on the Cornell AgriTech campus in Geneva. The meetings had been held in this location for many years, but COVID-19 forced the group to try alternate formats the past few years. There will be two meetings this year - February 14 will be focused on dairy and
March 14 will be focused on field crops. Both meetings will run from 9am to 1pm and participants are encouraged to bring a dish to pass for lunch. The meetings are free to attend, and all farmers are welcome.

**Genesee Valley Winter Ag Producer Meetings**
Genesee Valley Winter Ag Producer Meetings are open to all local farmers, growers, and ag industry folks. DEC credits available: 0.5 in 1a & 21 (commercial app. ag plant & field crops, private) 0.5 in 1b & 31 (ag animal commercial & ag animal private). To register, call Lynn Bliven at 716-244-0290 by 5:00 pm on January 16th. For more information, click here.

**Dairy Technology Tuesdays Webinar Series Underway - Register now!**
Are you a farmer thinking about incorporating rumination collars, automatic milking systems, automatic calf feeders, or other new technology? Or do you already use innovative technology on your farm but want to take more out of it? This webinar series is for you! Register now for this seven-part webinar series that will offer cutting-edge information about dairy technology from industry experts. In tomorrow’s session, Dr. Julio Giordano will discuss activity monitors and how to use them to increase farm health and reproductive management.

**WNY Forage and Pasture Management Workshop, Saturday Feb. 25, 9am – 3:30pm in Yorkshire**
Registration is now open for this in-person workshop, which features classes on a variety of topics centered around stored forage and pasture management. Register by visiting https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Forage_Management_Workshop-23_202

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