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## **2.1.2022 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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### **Chick Brooding 101 by Amy Barkley**

The weather may be cold and blustery, but it's getting to be that time where we turn our thoughts to brooding chicks for the upcoming season. Brooding chicks doesn't take much effort, but we need to make sure that we're providing the correct environment to avoid stunting or failure of the flock.

### **January Dairy Market Watch by Katelyn Walley-Stoll**

January's Dairy Market Watch is available – December's \$/gallon to the farmer is \$1.94. Unless there is price rally current dairy product prices could result in \$17's for both Class III and Class IV.

### **Ways to Reduce Spray Drift and Other Considerations**

The importance of keeping crop protectant applications on target continues to be at the forefront of growers' minds as well as people neighboring the farms. Making sure the product stays on the intended target is critical for the health of the plant as well as those surrounding the area. As you plan for the 2023 crop season, also plan for how you're going to reduce spray drift this coming season.

### **Best Management Practices for Field Biosecurity**

To reduce the likelihood of introducing new pests to the farm, producers should develop a biosecurity plan for their operation. [Read on](#) to learn things to consider when developing a plan for your farm.

### **Hoof health starts with the heifer – UW Madison Extension**

Hoof health is essential for not only the overall health of the animal but also for its welfare. Digital dermatitis (DD), or hairy heel warts, is a painful condition for dairy cattle and the highest cause of lameness in bred heifers. [Check out this article](#) to learn more about identifying and preventing DD in your herd.

### **New York Equine Hay Survey**

CCE is looking for input from both sellers and buyers about hay produced in NYS. From the anonymous data, we will be able to determine buying and feeding practices; explore hay prices and the factors affecting them; characterize hay producer preferences and practices of marketing and

selling; gain an understanding of the depth of forage test knowledge; and determine the educational needs for this topic going forward. The survey can be accessed [here](#).

### **The Manager Magazine – Updates from Cornell University Dairy Researchers**

Check out the latest issue of The Manager magazine, which includes the latest research for dairy cattle from Cornell University. The articles include updates on transition cows, reproduction, leaky gut and heat stress, selective dry-cow therapy, [and more.](#)

### **Don't Forget – 2022 Census of Agriculture Forms due February 6<sup>th</sup>!**

Your farm's response is vitally important to US agriculture and impacts everything from farm programs and funding, to crop insurance rates, to rural development, disaster assistance, the Farm Bill, and more.

### **NY Pork Producers Annual Meeting Scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 18th in Waterloo, NY**

This year's meeting will focus on swine production for small-scale producers and will feature lectures on profitable meat marketing, pig pasture management, the National Pork Producers, and an update on African Swine Fever in NY. All current pork producers and all interested in pork production are invited and encouraged to attend.

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