2.16.2023 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 Ben Scott from Advanced Dairy Services and Curtis T. Corkey from Principal Financial Services for sponsoring this Weekly Update.

February 2023 Crops, Cows, & Critters Now Available!
Read our online version to learn more about:

--> Lots of Upcoming Events  
--> Chick Brooding  
--> Farm Diversification  
--> Tube Feeding  
--> 4R Nutrient Stewardship…and More!

Register for SWNY Virtual Field Crops Congress

Join the SWNY team each Wednesday in March at 12pm to learn more about the latest research-based recommendations for pest control, weed management, economic considerations, soil health and fertility, challenges for our 2023 season, and more. Open to all interested Field Crops producers and industry service providers, with DEC and CCA credits available. To register click here. Cost is $20 or $0 per farm depending on your needs; click the scholarship option during registration. For any questions or concerns, contact Katelyn Miller at 716-640-2047.

Bovine Reproduction & Artificial Insemination Training (2-day course) – March 7th & 8th (Tue and Wed) from 9:30 am-3:30 pm
Join us for a two-day workshop for beef and dairy producers with hands-on training that will be offered in both English and Spanish in cooperation with Javier Cheang from Genex Cooperative Inc. The cost of the course is $250 per person and covers material and lunch for both days. Space is limited! Contact Camila Lage (607-422-6788) or Amy Barkley (716-640-0844) if you have questions. Register for this event here.

Upcoming Hands-on Calving & Dystocia Workshop in 2 locations! (Bath – March 17th, Ellicottville, March 21st)
This hands-on workshop will be offered in English and Spanish and aims to teach the best calving management practices to improve calf and cow health during and after the calving process. Under the guidance of Dr. Rob Lynch (PRO-DAIRY) and other CCE Specialists, beef and dairy farmers will be able to apply the concepts from the oral presentation using a realistic cow and calf model! Space is limited, and the workshop cost is $75/per person, which includes all materials and lunch. Contact Camila Lage (607-422-6788) or Amy Barkley (716-640-0844) if you have questions. Register here for the Bath location, or Register here for the Ellicottville location.

**Some Farm Business Management Reminders by Katelyn Walley-Stoll**
Some reminders about the ST-125, NYS Ag Value Assessment, Separate Checking Accounts, Revisiting Your Farm Business Plan, Updating Your Balance Sheet, and Supporting Your County’s Cooperative Extension Association.

**Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase 2 and Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program (PARP) Update**
Join us on Thursday, March 2nd at 6pm via Zoom for an update from Farm Service Agency about newly announced disaster program. There will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions! This webinar is free but does require pre-registration here.

**Register Now – Succession Planning Webinar Series**
How’s your succession plan look? Designed to help build your toolkit for this confusing and involved process, join CCE specialists and educators for this FREE series in March.

**Winter forage management means business strategy**
While we all get anxious during the winter months and feel as if there must be something we can do out in our fields, preparing a good strategy for the upcoming growing season may just be the most proactive thing to do.

**CCE Poultry Videos Archive**
Over the past two years, Cornell Cooperative Extension’s team of poultry experts have put together a series of videos related to raising and managing poultry. The topics range from brooding and rearing to the marketing and sales regulations around meat and eggs. These videos are part of the CCE Flock Talk series.

**Assessing (Beef) Calf Vigor**
Following birth, beef calves should get up quickly and nurse colostrum within the first 4 hours. If calves have been through a hard calving, have poor vigor, and/or lack a strong suckling reflex, it’s time for the producer to step in to help increase the calf’s chances of success.
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