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2.23.2023 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

A partnership between <u>Cornell University</u> and the Cornell Cooperative Extension Associations in these five counties: Allegany, <u>Cattaraugus</u>, <u>Chautaugua</u>, <u>Erie</u>, and <u>Steuben</u>.

Thank you Ayshea Heckman from <u>Ernst Seeds</u>, Robert Church & Whitney Davis from <u>Finger Lakes</u>

<u>Dairy Service, Inc.</u> and Cliff Love from <u>Nutrien</u> for sponsoring this Weekly Update.

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

<u>Upcoming Hands-on Calving & Dystocia Workshop in 2 locations! (Bath – March 17th, Ellicottville, March 21st)</u>

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.

Register here for the Bath location

Register here for the Ellicottville location

CCE SWNY Team Seeks Participants for Pastured Broiler Cost of Production Study for 2023/2024

The SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program is currently seeking participant farmers in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, and Steuben counties to take part in a 2-year study that will evaluate the true costs of production in pastured broiler enterprises. Farmers will be compensated for their time on the project. Preference will be given to slow-growth broiler producers, but all producers will be welcomed and considered. If you're interested in learning more, reach out to Amy Barkley at amb544@cornell.edu or 716-640-0844.

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.

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.

Dairy Grazing Apprentice (DGA) program - Now in partnership with the SWNY team!

DGA is a non-profit organization that partners with established grazing dairy farmers, universities, and other stakeholders to deliver high-quality work-based training in managed-grazing dairy production in multiple states. It provides a pathway for aspiring dairy farmers while offering experienced dairy graziers an opportunity to share their passion. You can learn more about opportunities to become a mentor or apprentice here.

If Money Doesn't Grow on Trees - Maybe it Grows in Hay Fields? By Katelyn Walley-Stoll

If you grow, feed, or sell hay, it's important to know how to manage the green - the money, that is - to make profitable decisions. Read here to learn more about why hay production in SWNY matters, the financial advantages and disadvantages of producing your own hay, calculating your cost of production, and utilizing risk management tools.

Use a barn that works for you and the cows - Hoards Dairyman

The only constant in any business IS change, and for some dairies, that change comes with a question: To retrofit or not to retrofit my existing barn? <u>Read here</u> some of Tim Terry's insights about designing facilities presented at the Technology Tuesdays Webinar Series.

PRO-DAIRY needs your feedback

Dairy Environmental Systems is working to collect farmer feedback on the potential benefits and drawbacks of covered manure storage and flare systems. We are interested in determining the perceptions and factors affecting the potential applicability of covered manure storage and flaring systems at dairy farms. Click <u>here</u> to take the survey.

Opportunity for Silage Corn Growers: On-Farm Biodiversity Experiment

Cornell graduate student researcher is seeking New York partner farms to test how planting native flowers near silage corn fields affects biodiversity on the farm. We are also interested in how flower planting date affects biodiversity. This single-year experiment will run from May to September 2023. Participating farms will each receive \$500. Click here for more information about eligibility.

Free Fundamentals of Ventilation in Barns Webinar, March 22nd at 7pm over Zoom

Join the Livestock Program Work Team for a presentation on how to determine effective ventilation and update older facilities (old dairy barns in particular) to have proper air flow for our livestock. Proper ventilation results in dryer environments, which leads to decreased respiratory diseases and environmental diseases such as coccidiosis. Register <u>here</u>.

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