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## **7.30.2020 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program**

### **Selling Eggs? Here's What You Need to Know**

The daylight patterns may be on the downhill swing, but chicks and ducklings purchased in the spring are maturing and dutifully beginning to produce nutritious eggs. As the egg flow increases, soon there will be an abundance. Many farms producing eggs have enough to supply their communities, but as eggs are prepared for sale, there are some safety considerations and state regulations that need to be kept in mind. [Livestock and Beginning Farm Specialist, Amy Barkley](#), discusses these items in this article.

### **Have You Received Unsolicited Seeds?**

From [New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets](#): "Our office has received questions from a few New Yorkers who have received unsolicited packages allegedly sent from China that are marked as containing jewelry but which actually contain plant seeds. Similar packages have been received in other states and the United States Department of Agriculture is investigating. People who receive seeds should not plant or handle the seeds. They should store them safely in a place children and pets cannot access and email USDA immediately at [erich.l.glasgow@usda.gov](mailto:erich.l.glasgow@usda.gov) for instructions. Seeds imported into the United States are rigorously tested to ensure quality and prevent introduction of invasive species, insects and diseases. We will continue to monitor this issue and will pass along guidance as it is received from USDA."

### **NYCAHM/NEC Releases Farmworker Needs Assessment Survey**

NYCAHM (New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health) is looking to understand the unique challenges your workers are facing in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. The information they collect will help to create future programs and materials that are appropriate and helpful for farm businesses and workers. To complete the survey, you can use [this link for English](#) or [this link for Spanish](#). You can also contact NYCAHM for paper copies (607-422-7527). The survey is voluntary and responses are confidential. To learn more, visit [www.nycahm.com](http://www.nycahm.com).

### **Dairy Market Watch Now Available – July 2020**

Read this month's commentary and market prices from [Katelyn Walley-Stoll](#). Dairy Market Watch is an educational newsletter to keep producers informed of changing market factors affecting the dairy industry.

### **Heat Stress Webinar Recording - English and Spanish**

Did you miss the recent heat stress webinars in English and Spanish? Not to worry! You can watch the recordings here:

[English-Heat Stress: Key Indicators and Management Strategies](#) - <https://youtu.be/j489te77R8U>

[Spanish-Estrés por Calor en Vacas Lecheras: Señales Claves y Estrategias de Manejo](#) -

<https://youtu.be/ozFtM62FgP8>

For additional information on heat stress, reach out to dairy management specialist, [Alycia Drwencke](#).

### **Upcoming Events**

Our team has been keeping our events page on our website as up to date as possible. You'll find SWNYDLFC generated programming and more. Several of our industry partners have been providing helpful webinars to help keep producers up-to-date while also addressing seasonal needs.

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**IMPORTANT NOTE FROM OUR TEAM:** Cornell Cooperative Extension's Southwest New York Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program prioritizes the health, safety, and well-being of our staff, constituents, and community members. **We are dedicated to continuing our exceptional programming and support services for the agricultural community in our region during this time of uncertainty.** Our team is continuing to answer requests for phone, email, and mail consultations while developing research-based virtual programming and resources to support our farm businesses. We are still able to travel throughout the region to conduct on-farm visits and research while following proper social distancing guidelines. We continue to communicate via weekly email updates and have increased our paper mailings. We are proud to be in positions where we can help farmers manage their businesses during this time and hope that you and your family stay safe and healthy!

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### **COVID-19 response:**

**Need information? View the following Cornell CALS and CCE Resource Pages Updated Regularly**

General Questions & Links:

<https://eden.cce.cornell.edu/>

Food Production, Processing & Safety Questions:

<https://instituteforfoodsafety.cornell.edu/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Employment & Agricultural Workforce Questions:

<http://agworkforce.cals.cornell.edu/>

Cornell Small Farms Resiliency Resources:

<https://smallfarms.cornell.edu/resources/farm-resilience/>

Financial & Mental Health Resources for Farmers:

<https://www.nyfarmnet.org/>

Cornell Farmworker Program

[www.farmworkers.cornell.edu](http://www.farmworkers.cornell.edu)

[www.trabajadores.cornell.edu](http://www.trabajadores.cornell.edu) (en espanol)