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## 06.08.2023 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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### **Wildfire Smoke – What Can we do for our Livestock?**

Wildfire smoke from ongoing Canadian fires is drifting into NYS. As livestock caretakers, we can make small adjustments to our animal care, handling, and housing to reduce the effects of exposure to fine particulates and poor air quality.

### **The Importance of Hay Moisture**

Hay moisture is critical to storage success. Moisture that is too high results in bales that come with a fire risk in addition to decreasing feed quality as it moves from the field to the hay ring.

### **Too hot to handle: Episodic heat stress can be tough on cows**


It is still spring, but you are probably already observing some signs of discomfort in your cows when days get in the high 80s. Since it takes weeks for cows to acclimate to the heat, episodic hot days can be challenging for cows to handle, and signs of heat stress can be observed. [Learn more](#)

### **2023 Biochar Field Day**

Interested in learning more about biochar? Join the New York Soil Health Team at the 2023 Biochar Field Days in Canandaigua, NY! These field days will provide guidelines for using biochar in agriculture and share practical insights for farmers when it comes to applying biochar to crops. Hear from representatives from the USDA, American Farmland Trust, Cornell University, local farmers, and other biochar experts!

Upcoming Events			
For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.			
Title	Date(s)	Location	Time
<a href="#"><b><u>ABC's of EPD's</u></b></a>	June 10	CCE Cattaraugus Ellicottville	9am-11am
		Butternut Hill	

<b><u>NYS Fiber Conference</u></b>	June 11	Campground Bouckville	9am-4pm
<b><u>Staffing &amp; Organizing Your Team</u></b>	June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20 & 27	Webinar	3pm-4pm
<b><u>Pasture Walk at Horizon Ridge Farms</u></b>	July 6	Horizon Ridge Farms East Aurora	6pm-8pm
<b><u>Processing Poultry for Meat Production*</u></b> FREE Live Seminar for Veterans	July 12	Webinar	6pm
<b><u>Protecting Against Murphy's Law</u></b> FREE Live Seminar for Veterans	October 4	Webinar	6pm
<b><u>Make a Farm Business Plan that Works for You!*</u></b> FREE Live Seminar for Veterans	November 1	Webinar	6pm
<i>*Denotes that the event is hosted by, or includes speakers from, SWNYDLFC.</i>			



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