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## 09.21.2023 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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### **When Milk Prices Are Lousy – Should You Dream Big?**

Farm diversification can offer a lifeline for dairy producers looking to better manage the highs and lows of milk prices.

### **Transfer of Passive Immunity in Calves: Ensuring Calf Health and Profitability**

Calves rely heavily on colostrum for immunity. Evaluating and improving immune transfer can reduce deaths and calves' sick days, enhancing overall herd performance and profitability. This article will review the new recommendations and a tool to evaluate colostrum management.

### **Check it out**

### **It's Soil Sampling Season**

Soil testing is the building block of any fertilizer management program, allowing you to evaluate your pH, organic matter, as well as various macronutrient and micronutrient levels in your soil. Fall is a popular time of year to take soil samples, so [read on](#) to learn how to get your soil from the field and into the lab for analysis.

### **CCE Survey to Understand the Landscape of Minority and Woman-Owned Businesses.**

Cornell Cooperative Extension is looking to use this information to help identify barriers and develop strategies to create more inclusive and equitable opportunities. Please take a moment to answer [this short, 2-minute survey](#).

| Upcoming Events   |              |            |               |
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| For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.    |              |            |               |
| Title   | Date(s)      | Location   | Time          |
| <a href="#"><b><u>Is Grazing Sheep Beneath Solar Arrays and</u></b></a> | September 25 | Mt. Morris | 6:30pm-8:30pm |

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| <b><u>Opportunity for Your Future?</u></b>  |                |             |                 |
| <b><u>Technology for Grazing Dairies Webinar*</u></b>   | September 27   | Webinar     | 12pm-1pm        |
| <b><u>Protecting Against Murphy's Law*</u></b><br>FREE Live Seminar for Veterans                        | October 4      | Webinar     | 6pm             |
| <b><u>Research on Customer Spending at NY Farmers Markets: Early Results and Farmer Recruitment</u></b> | October 5 & 12 | Webinar     | 6:30pm          |
| <b><u>Technology for Grazing Dairies Webinar: Paddock Track – A New Way to Measure Pasture*</u></b>     | October 6      | Webinar     | 12pm – 1pm      |
| <b><u>Tools for Calculating Forage Availability – Fall Grazing Pasture Walk*</u></b>                    | October 6      | Canaseraga  | 12pm – 3pm      |
| <b><u>Artificial Insemination Training for Beef &amp; Dairy</u></b>                                     | October 9-11   | TBD         | TBD             |
| <b><u>Internal Parasites in Small Ruminants IPM/FAMACHA Workshop*</u></b>                               | October 10     | Alfred      | 6pm-8:30        |
| <b><u>Internal Parasites in Small Ruminants IPM/FAMACHA Workshop*</u></b>                               | October 12     | Alfred      | 6pm – 8:30pm    |
| <b><u>Meat Processing &amp; Marketing Workshop</u></b>  | October 19     | East Aurora | 6:30pm – 8:30pm |
| <b><u>AgriConnect – Farm Labor (For CCE and Cornell Educators)</u></b>                                  | October 24     | Geneva      | 10am-3pm        |
| <b><u>Make a Farm Business Plan that Works for You!*</u></b>  | November 1     | Webinar     | 6pm             |

FREE Live Seminar for Veterans

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