2.22.2024 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 Amelia Parseghian from NY FarmNet and Bradley Griffith from Growmark FS, LLC for sponsoring this Weekly Update.

Don’t Skip This – You May Be Required to File An Ownership Report
Have you heard of the Corporate Transparency Act? We didn’t either until a few days ago. Farmers who operate as a corporation, LLC, or limited partnership may be affected by this new reporting requirement. Katelyn Walley will be putting together more information soon!

Do Not Let Cow Comfort Stand Between You And Extra Milk Pounds - By Camila Lage
Respecting the daily time budget of a cow is an essential part of cow comfort, and for maximum productivity, facility planning, and herd management should focus on allowing cows to express their natural behavior as much as possible. Read more

Brix: The Panacea to Grass-Based Finishing? By Amy Barkley
Theories abound that the Brix concentration in forages can be used to determine the relative energy value of forages, and that increasing Brix can put pounds on grass-finished animals faster. This article explores the relationship between plant sugars, pasture conditions, and finishing timelines for grass-based systems.

Webinar: Benchmarking Soil Health for Production Environments
Join Joseph Amsili, Debbie Aller, and Harold van Es for an in-depth webinar discussing the research and policy brief, “Soil Health Benchmarks for New York State Farms.” Explore insights into benchmarks and policy considerations, shaping the future of sustainable agriculture in New York.

Save your spot and be part of the discussion on March 6th!

### Upcoming Events

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*Denotes that the event is hosted by, or includes speakers from, SWNYDLFC.

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