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04.24.2025 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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Cornell Cow Convos - Special Edition

Join CCE Dairy Specialists as they chat with commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Richard Ball. They discuss hot topics in the dairy industry including immigration, local processing capacity, and HPAI, as well as funding opportunities for NYS farmers.

Growing Degree Days: Another Tool in the Harvest Toolbox

Growing Degree Days (GDD) are a valuable tool for estimating crop development and optimal harvest timing. Whether tracking corn maturity or alfalfa harvest, using GDDs alongside other measurements can help improve decision-making and ensure better crop management.

It's That Time of Year – Managing to Prevent Grass Tetany

While putting livestock onto pasture has many benefits, that first week of grazing after months of only providing stored forages should be carefully managed to prevent the life-threatening condition of grass tetany.

Our Team is Hiring!!

The SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Team is looking for a Farm Business Management Specialist to join our team. Information about the position, qualifications, and compensation can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Events			
For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.			
Title	Date(s)	Location	Time
Cover Crop & Soil Health Field Day	April 24	Freeville <i>Tompkins County</i>	2pm-5pm
How Harvest NY Can			

<u>Support Your Business</u> <u>(For Value-Added</u> <u>Producers, Distributors</u> <u>& Manufacturers)</u>	May 5	Zoom	12pm-1pm
<u>How Harvest NY Can</u> <u>Support Your Business</u> <u>(For Growers,</u> <u>Producers & Farmers)</u>	May 7	Zoom	6pm-7pm
<i>*Denotes that the event is hosted by, or includes speakers from, SWNYDLFC.</i>			

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