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05.01.2025 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](#).

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Worried about Being Classified as a Hobby Farm by the IRS? Here's What you Need to Know

Tax season is over, but you may be wondering if you may be audited by the IRS or incorrectly classified as a hobby farm. This article investigates the classification of farms as businesses vs hobbies, what the IRS is looking for in a business, and what records you need to keep to prove you're a legitimate business.

Small Ruminant IPM Project – Opportunities to Participate are Still Available for 2025!

We're still looking for producers from Steuben, Cattaraugus, and Erie counties to participate in our small ruminant IPM project! Reach out to Amy if you're interested and for more information (amb544@cornell.edu 716-640-0844)

Cornell Cow Convos E23 Digital Dairy: Artificial Intelligence on Dairy Farms by CCE Dairy Educators

Check out this talk with Dr. Miel Hostens, Cornell's Robert and Anne Everett Endowed Associate Professor of Digital Dairy Management and Data Analytics and the Director of the Bovi-Analytics Lab. They discuss the use of artificial intelligence on dairies, including current applications today, the use of AI in the future, and things for the industry to consider.

Evaluating Your Pasture System

If you haven't already, you're probably starting to think about when you can begin grazing livestock again. This article offers key considerations for evaluating your pastures and planning management decisions throughout the growing season.

Upcoming Events			
For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.			
Title	Date(s)	Location	Time
Annual Woods Walk	May 4	Andover (Allegany County)	12pm-1:30pm

<u>How Harvest NY Can Support Your Business (For Value-Added Producers, Distributors & Manufacturers)</u>	May 5	Zoom	12pm-1pm
<u>How Harvest NY Can Support Your Business (For Growers, Producers & Farmers)</u>	May 7	Zoom	6pm-7pm
<u>Build Your Own Bee Hotel</u>	May 10	Belmont (Allegany County)	10am-12pm
<u>Erie County Master Gardener Plant Sale</u>	May 23 & 24	Buffalo (Erie County)	8:30am
<u>Spongy Moth: Managing a Tree-Devastating Pest</u>	June 5	Zoom	7pm
<u>Chainsaw Safety & Forestry BMP's</u>	June 13	Belmont (Allegany County)	9:30am-3pm
<u>Youth Tractor & Machinery Certification Program</u>	June 19, 26 & 27	Cuba (Allegany County)	8:30am-4pm
<i>*Denotes that the event is hosted by, or includes speakers from, SWNYDLFC.</i>			

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