

From: bounce-124931793-85609582@list.cornell.edu on behalf of [Alycia Marie Drwencke](#)
To: [SWNYDLFC-L](#)
Cc: [Katelyn Walley-Stoll](#); [Joshua Adam Putman](#); [Amy Marie Barkley](#); [Kelly Lynn Bourne](#); [Craig Trowbridge](#)
Subject: Beef Cattle Course, Wage Board Hearing, CFAP Deadline Tomorrow, Hessian Fly-Free Date
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 2:39:00 PM

9.10.2020 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

Cornell Small Farms Program Introduces online course in Beef Cattle Management

The Cornell Small Farms Program is dedicated to supporting farmers at all phases of small farm business development. New this fall, the program will be offering an online Beef Cattle Management course. This 6-week course covers aspects of beef production which can help turn a profit, and is designed to help farms think critically about their short and long term goals. This online series will begin on Wednesday, November 4th. For more information on this course as well as a list of other available courses, visit the Small Farms website at <https://smallfarms.cornell.edu/online-courses/>.

Additional Wage Board Hearing Announced – Tell Your Story Virtually!

New York State Department of Labor recently announced that they will be holding one more Wage Board Hearing on **September 30th at 6pm**. It's expected that this will be the final opportunity for farmers to share their thoughts with the Wage Board as they consider lowering the 60-hour overtime threshold for farmworkers. If you're able to attend, this is a great time to share more about how the overtime threshold has impacted your farm and how future reductions would continue to impact your business and your employees. You can [register in advance here](#). NY Farm Bureau also has developed a fact sheet for farmers to use to prepare for their presentation. If you'd like help [calculating the financial impact](#) of the new threshold, you can contact [Katelyn Walley-Stoll](#).

Aspirin after calving can provide relief to dairy cows and increase milk production

Recent research from [Penn State University](#), over viewed by [DairyBusiness](#) shows benefits to providing pain relief to cows after calving. Dairy cows that received a short course of anti-inflammatory medication after calving had lower metabolic stress and produced more milk than untreated cows, according to researchers, who say the regimen they tested could be adopted more easily by producers than previously studied treatment strategies. For additional details, read the [full article](#) or reach out to Dairy Management Specialist, [Alycia Drwencke](#).

Don't Miss Out – CFAP Deadline is TOMORROW!!!

A reminder that the deadline to sign up to receive payments as part of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program is **Friday, September 11th**. Be sure to [call your local FSA office](#) or visit farmers.gov/cfap for more information. It's expected that the USDA will announce a second round of available funding, but we do not have a timeline or additional information at this time.

Consider Planting Winter Wheat After the Hessian Fly-Free Date

As fall approaches, growers should consider the recommended timing for planting winter wheat. For years, the standard recommendation for profitable wheat production in New York has been to plant wheat after the Hessian fly-free date. This recommendation is based on the fact that Hessian fly adults would no longer be alive as there are no remedial measures available to save an infested crop. An article prepared by [Ken Wise](#), with the [New York State Integrated Pest Management](#)

[Program](#), discusses the recommend timing to plant wheat to avoid injury from the Hessian fly as well as a detailed description about this pest. For more information about winter cereal production or pest control, contact [Josh Putman](#) at 716-490-5572 or jap473@cornell.edu.

Safe Harvest 2020: COVID-19 Office Hours @ 12:30 PM, September 15th

Cornell CALS and Cornell Cooperative Extension are hosting office hours for farmers and packers to answer any questions they might have about managing and responding to protect the farm workforce during COVID-19. Office hours will be held each Tuesday through September. Registration is FREE but REQUIRED. [Register for COVID-19 office hours at 12:30 PM EDT, September 15th here.](#)

Don't Forget to Complete the 2020 Census!

Have you completed the 2020 Census? Completing the 2020 Census will determine where over \$675 billion in federal funding is spent in states and communities for the next ten years. When filling out the Census, your personal information is kept confidential by law. Whether it's funding in communities across your state or helping determine the number of seats your state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives - every count makes an equal impact. Be sure you are counted and visit [2020Census.Gov](https://2020census.gov) for more information.

Upcoming Events

Our team has been keeping our [events page on our website](#) as up to date as possible. You'll find SWNYDLFC generated programming (Including a [Pasture Management Series](#), [CORE Pesticide Credit Training](#) opportunities, a [Design Your Own Succession Plan](#) workshop series, and more). Several of our industry partners have been providing helpful webinars to help keep producers up-to-date while also addressing seasonal needs.

You are receiving this email because you have enrolled/subscribed to the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program through your local county extension office or through our contact form. To discontinue receiving updates from our program, simply reply to this email with "stop". If you have any questions, please reach out. If you know of someone who would benefit from our team's resources or is interested in learning more, please share the online contact form available at: https://cornell.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eVG2c8y0BtXaRgx

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM OUR TEAM: Cornell Cooperative Extension's Southwest New York Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program prioritizes the health, safety, and well-being of our staff, constituents, and community members. **We are dedicated to continuing our exceptional programming and support services for the agricultural community in our region during this time of uncertainty.** Our team is continuing to answer requests for phone, email, and mail consultations while developing research-based virtual programming and resources to support our farm businesses. We are still able to travel throughout the region to conduct on-farm visits and research while following proper social distancing guidelines. We continue to communicate via weekly email updates

and have increased our paper mailings. We are proud to be in positions where we can help farmers manage their businesses during this time and hope that you and your family stay safe and healthy!

Alycia Drwencke

Dairy Management Specialist

Cornell Cooperative Extension

SWNY Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops

Amd453@cornell.edu | swnydlfc.cce.cornell.edu | 517.416.0386

Pronouns: She/her/hers

Cornell Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity, affirmative action educator and employer.

COVID-19 response:

Need information? View the following Cornell CALS and CCE Resource Pages Updated Regularly

General Questions & Links:

<https://eden.cce.cornell.edu/>

Food Production, Processing & Safety Questions:

<https://instituteforfoodsafety.cornell.edu/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Employment & Agricultural Workforce Questions:

<http://agworkforce.cals.cornell.edu/>

Cornell Small Farms Resiliency Resources:

<https://smallfarms.cornell.edu/resources/farm-resilience/>

Financial & Mental Health Resources for Farmers:

<https://www.nyfarmnet.org/>

Cornell Farmworker Program

www.farmworkers.cornell.edu

www.trabajadores.cornell.edu (en espanol)