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09.19.2025 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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Northeast Grazing Dairy: Growing Graziers Cohort - Applications OPEN NOW

Applications close October 15th for this 9-month, hybrid educational opportunity for aspiring dairy farmers interested in managed grazing in the Northeast. Questions can be directed to Katie Callero at 607-422-6788.

Ferment to Be: Silage Inoculants

Proper storage in the bunk should always be a priority but challenging growing seasons like the one we've had this year reinforce the importance of proper ensiling. One bunk management strategy to consider is the use of silage inoculants.

Determining Forage Inventories with a Pen and Paper

This year has been rough for our cool season grass pastures and hayfields. Knowing the amount of forage needed for your critters that you're planning to keep over the winter ahead will help you make decisions around buying in forage or reducing the herd before the cold sets in.

Save the Date: Labor Roadshow Returns This December

The Agricultural Workforce Development Council of New York State, in partnership with Cornell Agricultural Workforce Development, is excited to announce **Labor Roadshow IX**—a series of in-person and online events designed to keep New York's agricultural employers informed and prepared for today's labor challenges.

Upcoming Events			
For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.			
Title	Date(s)	Location	Time
<u>Driving Efficiency in Dairy & Exploring the Irish Experience</u>	September 29	Rock Stream (Yates County)	10am-2:30pm

<u>Silvopasture on a Shoestring</u>	October 7	Franklinville (Allegany County)	9am-3pm
<u>Dairy Systems & Technology Showcase*</u>	November 4	South Dayton (Cattaraugus County)	10am
*Denotes that the event is hosted by, or includes speakers from, SWNYDLFC.			

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