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

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Open Forum to Discuss Newly Approved DOL Trade, "Butcher" – Thursday October 2nd, 7pm- via Zoom

Partners from New York State Dept. of Labor, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Southern Tier West, and Workforce Development will be in the space to provide an overview of the new program, discuss the roles of hosts and apprentices, review the benefits of hosting an apprentice, and setting the vision for building a corps of highly skilled, modern trained Butchers and validating this career as a skilled trade with respectful earning potential.

Grants & Incentives for New York Agriculture

There are a number of grants and incentives available for Northeast agriculture businesses, but learning about their availability and navigating the application process can be a challenge. To help with this, Farm Credit East has released an update to its report identifying federal, regional and state grants, loan guarantees, and other incentives available to assist Northeast producers of all types and sizes. This post is an excerpt from the document, focusing on funding opportunities available in New York. Find a full list of opportunities, including sector-specific opportunities for states including, but not limited to New York, see [here](#).

Read about the newest genetic tools from the Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding

Scientists are continuing to discover different genetic traits we can select for. The newest trait announced is "Milking Speed (MSPD)," which gives a standard estimation of how fast a cow will milk in pounds per minute.

Beef Producers Pests Educational and Research Needs Assessment

The New York State Integrated Pest Management (NYSIPM) Program is conducting a survey to help guide our future efforts in managing biting and nuisance flies and tick pests on beef cattle. Your responses will help us better understand your needs and improve our educational and research programs related to these pest issues. Access the survey [here](#).

Management Considerations for Immature and Frosted Corn Silage

With our average frost date fast approaching, it's time to consider how we are going to handle corn that is either immature or experiences a frost. Check out this [article](#) for tips on how to manage this forage.

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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