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10.23.2025 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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FREE Fecal Egg Count Mobile Workshop – Jamestown NY October 30th, 6pm – 8pm

All who are interested are welcome to join us for a workshop that shares the importance of fecal egg counts for understanding parasite loads and dewormer resistance. Attendees will have the opportunity to prepare and evaluate fresh fecal samples under the microscope and practice interpretations. Register [here](#) or contact Amy at 716-640-0844.

Dairy Systems and Technology Showcase - Southwest New York Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops Program

Sign up for this FREE dairy tour on November 4th to tour a local organic creamery (Eden Valley Creamery) and a new robotic dairy facility (Miller's Dairy) to discuss the new technologies utilized in their operations.

Northeast SARE Farmer Grant Question and Answer Sessions

Q&A Sessions for the Northeast SARE Farmer Grant program are taking place from 12-1 p.m. EST on November 4, 11, 18, and 25. The grant program is currently calling for proposals for projects up to \$30,000 beginning in March 2026 to fund projects that explore innovative concepts in sustainable agriculture conducted through experiments, surveys, prototypes, on-farm demonstrations or other research and education techniques. Proposals are due no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on December 9, 2025.

Who Invited Knapweed?

Knapweed is an aggressive weed that spreads rapidly and reduces the quality of fresh and baled forages. Controlling it however, is not a simple answer. Check out this article for more information about the weed and tips on how to manage it.

Dairy Farm Improvement & Modernization Grant opens to Northeast farmers

Dairy farmers across the Northeast can now apply for this grant through the Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center (NE-DBIC). Awards will range from \$15,000 – \$100,000 with a 25% in-kind and/or cash match contribution. The grant will support a wide range of projects aimed at improving farm viability, milk quality, worker conditions, economic sustainability, and climate

resilience.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Hosts Agritourism Conference to Strengthen Farm-Based Tourism

The Cornell Cooperative Extension Agritourism Program Work Team invites farmers, tourism professionals, educators, and community leaders to attend the New York State Agritourism Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY. This two-day event on Monday, November 10 and Tuesday, November 11, will offer valuable insights and hands-on learning opportunities for anyone interested in strengthening or starting an agritourism enterprise.

Upcoming Events			
<i>For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.</i>			
Title	Date(s)	Location	Time
<u>Fecal Egg Count Mobile Workshop*</u>	October 30	Jamestown (Chautauqua County)	6pm-8pm
<u>2025 Annual Cornell Sheep & Goat Symposium Day 1</u>	October 31	Ithaca (Tompkins County)	3pm-7pm
<u>2025 Annual Cornell Sheep & Goat Symposium Day 2</u>	November 1	Ithaca (Tompkins County)	8am-5pm
<u>2025 Annual Cornell Sheep & Goat Symposium Day 3</u>	November 2	Ithaca (Tompkins County)	8:30am-1pm
<u>Dairy Systems & Technology Showcase*</u>	November 4	South Dayton (Cattaraugus County)	10am
<u>Fecal Egg Count Mobile Workshop*</u>	November 4	Bath (Steuben County)	6pm-8pm
<u>Fecal Egg Count Mobile Workshop*</u>	November 5	Ellicottville (Cattaraugus County)	6pm-8pm

<u>Animal Mortality Composting Demo*</u>	November 6	Brant (Erie County)	10am-12pm
<u>Optimizing The Economic Return of Pasture-Raised Slow-Growth and Conventional Broilers*</u>	November 13	Zoom	6pm-8pm
<i>*Denotes that the event is hosted by, or includes speakers from, SWNYDLFC.</i>			

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