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## **10.30.2025 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program**

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### **Fecal Egg Count Mobile Workshops on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Still Accepting Registrants**

There's still time to register for our last two Fecal Egg Count Workshops of the year! The first will be held on [November 4<sup>th</sup> at the CCE Office in Bath from 6pm – 8pm](#). The second will be held at the [CCE Cattaraugus office in Ellicottville from 6pm – 8pm on November 5<sup>th</sup>](#). To register, use the links in this update, or contact Amy at 716-640-0844.

### **Sell More Meat Using Farm-Tested Marketing Tactics, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – 8pm via Zoom**

Casey Roe, a food marketing consultant specializing in local food will share how to increase direct-to-consumer meat sales. The event is free, and registration is required.

### **Livestock Mortality Composting Demo on November 6<sup>th</sup> at Phillips Family Farm in Brandt**

Join experts from Cornell's Waste Management Institute, Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Pro-Dairy, CCE, and WNY Crop Management as we evaluate a newly constructed livestock compost pile at a local dairy farm. Attendees will be able to learn how to properly design a pad and pile, evaluate pile success, and understand common pitfalls to proper composting.

### **Organic Farming Research Foundation Farmer-Led Trials Program Grant**

Are you organic and looking to build confidence in conducting on-farm research? The Organic Farming Research Foundation is now accepting applications for its Farmer-Led Research Trials program, which supports on-farm research projects conducted by farmers. Applications are due by December 3rd.

### **The Tillage Toolbelt: Soil Structure**

Check out part two of the tillage article series. This article delves into how different tillage systems impact soil structure. In case you missed it, part one is all about how [nutrient cycling](#) is impacted by tillage.

### **Participate in Annie's Project**

Are you a woman engaged in farming in NYS? Would you like to learn and network with other farm women, and strengthen your farming operation? Join Cornell Cooperative Extension for a six-week Annie's Project this winter (November 3<sup>rd</sup>-December 8<sup>th</sup>) as we explore these topics and help you grow your toolbox. Annie's Project is virtual experience designed especially for farm women that provides education in production, price or market, financial, institutional and legal, and human and personal risk.

### **Participate in Annie's Project Financial Planning for 2026**

This is another opportunity to participate in Annie's Project through a two-session hybrid series focused on setting you up for a successful 2026 when it comes to financial decision-making. During these sessions, Steve Hadcock (CCE Capital Area Agriculture & Horticulture Team) will speak on the importance of keeping records and receipts for income statements, balance sheets, and cash flow statements (November 5<sup>th</sup>); and Dario Aerzzo (Farm Credit East) will cover financial prep for the tax season and the basic parts of farmer taxes along with proposed 2026 changes (November 12<sup>th</sup>).

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

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

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