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12.04.2025 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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Cornell Organic Field Crops & Dairy Conference

Save March 6th, 2026, on your calendar for the Cornell Organic Field Crops and Dairy Conference being held in Waterloo. Co-hosted by New York Soil Health and Cornell CALS, the annual conference brings together leaders in organic grain, dairy, and livestock systems to share practical tools, new research, and farmer-tested strategies to support resilient and profitable organic production. [Register today!](#)

The 2026 Northeast Grazing and Livestock Conference Registration is Open!

This conference is a combination of the Northeast Grazing & Livestock Conference and the Northeast Pasture Consortium Annual meeting. It will be held on January 30-31, 2026 in Manchester, New Hampshire. Learn more about speakers and the agenda by clicking the link above!

Cornell Cow Convos - Episode 30: Culling Decisions for Dairy with Dr. Herman

Dr. Julia Herman, the Beef Cattle Specialist Veterinarian with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), discusses making culling decisions on dairy farms, what issues packing facilities are seeing with dairy cull animals, and collaborations between the beef and dairy industries that will help the whole cattle industry improve on the latest podcast episode from the Cornell Regional Dairy Specialists.

VIDA - Free Monthly Life and Wellness Training for Hispanic Farmworkers

Cornell Agricultural Workforce Development (CAWD) along with NY FarmNet, the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH), and Cornell Small Farms' Futuro en Ag Program, is pleased to announce the launch of a new statewide initiative: VIDA Series, beginning in January 2026. This once-a-month yearly program is designed to support the well-being, confidence, and long-term success of Hispanic farmworkers through short educational videos and interactive live discussions.

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Attend the Becker Forum

The Becker Forum is open to all agricultural commodities and is a key event for agriculture professionals. This year it will be held on Wednesday, January 14 at Jordan Hall on the Cornell

AgriTech campus. Producers need to stay up to speed with major changes in H-2A, overtime, and union organizing, as well as important issues like tax credits, retirement plans, and avoiding fraud and scams. Registration is open.

Upcoming Events			
For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.			
Title	Date(s)	Location	Time
<u>Memoir Reading: Barn Gothic</u>	December 4	Bath (Steuben County)	4pm
<u>NY Small Farms Summit 2025: Stronger Together</u>	December 5	Alfred (Allegany County)	9am-3:30pm
<u>2025 Cornell Food, Beverage & Animal Feed Manufacturer Survey</u>	December 19	Survey	Last Day to Complete: 12/19
<u>Cornell Organic Field Crops & Dairy Conference</u>	March 6	Waterloo (Ontario County)	8am-4:30pm
*Denotes that the event is hosted by, or includes speakers from, SWNYDLFC.			

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