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12.11.2025 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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So You Want To Become A Certified Pesticide Applicator?

With the slower season (ideally) upon us, it can be a popular time to take the exams to become a Certified Private Pesticide Applicator. Check out this article for information on the necessary training, requirements, and testing as required by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). If you have questions, contact Katelyn Miller at 716-640-2047 or km753@cornell.edu.

Mooving through Calving: Recognizing Labor Signs and When to Help

Great calving management is especially important in today's economic landscape with the high prices of beefXdairy calves and replacement heifers. To protect these high-value animals and prevent costly vet visits or complications, producers should be able to identify and respond appropriately to each stage of calving covered in this article.

USDA Announces Availability of Low-Interest Physical Loss Loans

Physical loss loans through the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) can help producers repair or replace damaged or destroyed physical property essential to the success of the agricultural operation, including livestock losses.

Additional resources here: [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#) [Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#)

What Did we Learn About Internal Parasites in Small Ruminants this Year?

In 2025, our team evaluated 10 sheep and goat farms in the spring and fall for levels of internal parasites and parasite resistance to the three available dewormer classes. The results of this study, including tips on reducing worm burdens on-farm, are shared [here](#).



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