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1.08.2026 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops Program

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Southern Tier Crop Congress

Join SWNYDLFC and CCE Allegany on January 28th for our Southern Tier Crop Congress. Topics of discussion include neonicotinoid seed treatments, disease management, pesticide mixing fundamentals, and EPA mitigations. DEC credits available in CORE, 1A, 10, 21 and 23. Fee is \$15.00 per person, payable at the door. Register by January 23rd by calling Kelly Torrey at 585-268-7644 ext.10.

New York Pork Producers Connect Breakfast in Geneseo on January 17th from 7:45am – 10am

All pork producers from all facets of the industry are invited to a free farmer's breakfast to learn about what the New York Pork Producers Association has been up to and to connect with fellow producers.

New York Beef Producers Annual Meeting January 23rd – 24th in Syracuse

The schedule for this year highlights Lane Nordlund as the keynote speaker, and includes educational topics including genetics and herd development; business and financial strategies; and a marketing & consumer connection panel. Other events for the weekend include the trade show, annual awards program, scholarship fund silent auction, and junior beef meeting.

Cornell Cow Convos E31: Discussing the Cornell University Ruminant Center

Listen to Dr. Tom Overton from Cornell University talk about the Cornell University Ruminant Center (CURC) as he discusses past and current research, what makes the facility unique, and where the funding comes from.

USDA Value-Added Producer Grants opening soon

The USDA Value-Added Producer Grants program will begin accepting applications on January 15. VAPGs help agricultural producers generate new products, create or expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income. Additional information, including eligible applicants and projects can be found [here](#). The deadline to apply is April 15.

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Our two forms of publications feature research-based and timely information from our four specialists, listed to the right, along with local event notifications and Cornell University outreach. This information is provided to participants who range from dairy, livestock and field crops producers to agricultural suppliers and consultants.

Upcoming Events			
For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.			
Title	Date(s)	Location	Time
<u>BOOTS IN THE BARN</u> <u>Breeding Today for the</u> <u>Herd you Want</u> <u>Tomorrow: Tools to</u> <u>Support Semen Choice</u> <u>Tradeoffs</u>	January 13	Zoom	12pm-1pm
<u>Advanced Hoof Health</u> <u>Program*</u>	January 15	TBD (Allegany County)	TBD
<u>Pork Producers</u> <u>Connection Breakfast -</u> <u>Geneseo</u>	January 17	Geneseo (Livingston County)	8am-10am
<u>BOOTS IN THE BARN</u> <u>Research in Precision</u> <u>Livestock Health</u>	January 20	Zoom	12pm-1pm
<u>Webinar: Converting Old</u> <u>Dairy Barns into Swine</u> <u>Facilities</u>	January 21	Zoom	6pm-7:30pm
<u>BOOTS IN THE BARN</u> <u>Early Calf Management:</u> <u>Key Influences on Heifer</u> <u>Development</u>	January 27	Zoom	12pm-1pm
<u>Southern Tier Crop</u> <u>Congress *</u>	January 28	Belfast	9:45am-2:30pm
<u>BOOTS IN THE BARN</u> <u>Evidence-based</u> <u>Development of Best</u> <u>Cattle Management</u>	February 3	Zoom	12pm-1pm

Practices			
BOOTS IN THE BARN Forecasting Performance: How Clues From Blood, Milk and Sensors Can Predict Unfortunate Outcomes in Multiparous Cows	February 10	Zoom	12pm-1pm
BOOTS IN THE BARN Advancing Milk Quality: Integrating Workforce Development and Artificial Intelligence in QMPS Research	February 17	Zoom	12pm-1pm
BOOTS IN THE BARN Sensor Technologies in Calf Health Monitoring	February 24	Zoom	12pm-1pm
Cornell Organic Field Crops & Dairy Conference	March 6	Waterloo (Ontario County)	8am-4:30pm
<i>*Denotes that the event is hosted by, or includes speakers from, SWNYDLFC.</i>			

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