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1.22.2026 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock & 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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Southern Tier Crop Congress **DEC credits**

You still have time to register for our Southern Tier Crop Congress taking place next week! Learn more about pesticide safety, EPA mitigations, disease management, neonicotinoid seed treatments; and don't forget about those DEC credits.

Dairy Margin Coverage Expansion | USDA

Agriculture Secretary Rollins announced an expanded enrollment for the 2026 Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program. This provides an important safety net for dairy producers, and the enrollment period is open until February 26, 2026.

What You Need to Know about the USDA's Farmer Bridge Assistance Program

The US Department of Agriculture's Farmer Bridge Assistance (FBA) Program announced \$12 billion in aid for US farmers this past December. Here's what you need to know.

County Conservation Districts Offer Low-Cost Seedlings of Native Trees and Shrubs

In late winter, each of the county conservation districts in [Allegany](#), [Cattaraugus](#), [Chautauqua](#), [Erie](#), and [Steuben](#) offers low-cost seedlings for planting on both farms and residential properties in early spring. The seedlings come as bundles and cover a wide variety of species for both feed and cover for wildlife.

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>Early Calf Management:</u>			

<u>Key Influences on Heifer Development</u>	January 27	Zoom	12pm-1pm
<u>Southern Tier Crop Congress *</u>	January 28	Belfast (Allegany County)	9:45am-2:30pm
<u>Northeast Grazing & Livestock Conference</u>	January 30 & 31	New Hampshire	
<u>BOOTS IN THE BARN Evidence-based Development of Best Cattle Management Practices</u>	February 3	Zoom	12pm-1pm
<u>BOOTS IN THE BARN Forecasting Performance: How Clues From Blood, Milk and Sensors Can Predict Unfortunate Outcomes in Multiparous Cows</u>	February 10	Zoom	12pm-1pm
<u>BOOTS IN THE BARN Advancing Milk Quality: Integrating Workforce Development and Artificial Intelligence in QMPS Research</u>	February 17	Zoom	12pm-1pm
<u>2026 No-Till & Cover Crop Conference</u>	February 19	Vermont	9am-4pm
<u>BOOTS IN THE BARN Sensor Technologies in Calf Health Monitoring</u>	February 24	Zoom	12pm-1pm
<u>Deerworm & Flukes in Small Ruminants Webinar</u>	February 25	Zoom	6pm
<u>Cornell Organic Field</u>			

<u>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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