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1.29.2026 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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Piglet Processing Workshop in Batavia on February 13th 8am – 11am

This free workshop from the New York Pork Producers offers hands-on training in essential piglet care and processing practices, led by industry veterinarians from [Passion for Pigs](#). No matter your experience level, this training offers takeaways for both new and experienced producers.

New York Annie's Project: How to Diversify or Scale with Confidence for Profitability

Do you have an idea for a new enterprise to add value to your farm? Maybe you're considering scaling up for a potential market opportunity but just aren't sure if it's a good fit for your business. Join Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Niagara Small Business Development Center, and the Eastern NY Commercial Horticulture Team for a hybrid series on Wednesdays in February, starting on February 4th from 11am-2pm that will answer these questions and more.

Feed Quality Doesn't Stop at the Chopper

The value of home-grown forages cannot be overstated, but there are many factors impacting our ability to harvest at peak quality. Maintaining that quality isn't done once forages run through the chopper though, as the same prioritization of management and resources should also be allocated to maintaining quality as it enters storage.

Cornell Cow Convos E32: Workplace Culture at ADK Farms

Join Margaret Quaassdorff, CCE Regional Dairy Specialist with the CCE NWN Dairy, Livestock and Field Crops Team as she interviews Shane St. Cyr, Co-Owner of Adirondack Farms in Clinton County, NY to discuss how leadership, farm culture, and a sense of joy shape day-to-day success at ADK Farms.

Monitoring Winter Weather Conditions & CCE Resources for Your Communities
To help your communities stay informed and prepared, please share the following winter weather resources:

- Dos and Dents for Barn Snow Removal: <https://blogs.cornell.edu/eden/2025/12/04/heavy-snow-loads-dos-and-dents-for-barn-snow-removal/>
- EDEN/DART Winter Storm Resources: <https://eden.cce.cornell.edu/natural-hazards/winter-storms/>
- EDEN/DART Power Outage Resources: <https://eden.cce.cornell.edu/other-hazards/power-outages/>
- NOAA Windchill Information: <https://www.weather.gov/bou/windchill>

Upcoming Events			
For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.			
Title	Date(s)	Location	Time
Northeast Grazing & Livestock Conference	January 30 & 31	New Hampshire	
Winter Field Crops Meeting*	February 3	North Collins (Erie County)	9:30am-3pm
BOOTS IN THE BARN Evidence-based Development of Best Cattle Management Practices	February 3	Zoom	12pm-1pm
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
Piglet Health 101	February 13 & 14	Several	Varies
BOOTS IN THE BARN Advancing Milk Quality:			

<u>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 Crops & Dairy Conference</u>	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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