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2.12.2026 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops Program

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NYSDEC How to Get Certified Course

So, you want to become a certified pesticide applicator? We're hosting a "NYSDEC How to Get Certified Course" in Ellicottville on March 3rd. Topics covered during the course includes worker protection standard, becoming and maintaining certified, record keeping, and test taking strategies. Attendees interested will be able to sign up for an exam taking place on March 10th. Call Katelyn Miler for more information at 716-640-2047 or to register!

Agrivoltaics Webinars and Training for Northeast Farmers

American Farmland Trust is hosting two Agrivoltaics 101 webinars this week on Feb. 12 and 17, each covering the same content held at different times to accommodate busy farm schedules. Agrivoltaics offers farmers a unique opportunity to diversify income, optimize land use, and build long-term viability without having to choose between agriculture and solar energy. The webinar will introduce the concept of agrivoltaics and preview an upcoming training program that offers free mentoring and technical assistance to New York and New Jersey farmers looking to build or expand agrivoltaic projects.

NY Pork Producers - 2026 Producer Summit & Annual Meeting March 13-14th in Hamilton, NY

Join NYPP for their 2026 Producer Summit, where producers of all sizes and production styles will explore marketing, branding, selling pork, and current consumer trends through practical sessions designed to help build demand, connect with customers, and add value to their operations. You do not have to be a member to attend.

Advanced Hoof Health Youtube Playlist

Missed the Advanced Hoof Health program or want a refresher? The full recording is available at the link above—feel free to share it with anyone on your farm or in your network.



Upcoming Events

For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.

Title	Date(s)	Location	Time
<u>Piglet Health 101</u>	February 13 & 14	Several	Varies
<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>NYSDEC How To Get Certified Course*</u>	March 3	Ellicottville <i>(Cattaraugus County)</i>	10am-12pm
<u>Cornell Organic Field Crops & Dairy Conference</u>	March 6	Waterloo <i>(Ontario County)</i>	8am-4:30pm
<u>NY Pork Producers – 2026 Producer Summit & Annual Meeting</u>	March 13 & 14	Hamilton <i>(Madison County)</i>	All Day
<i>*Denotes that the event is hosted by, or includes speakers from, SWNYDLFC.</i>			

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