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## 2.26.2026 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops Program

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### **So, You Want to Become a Certified Pesticide Applicator?**

You're in luck! We're hosting a "NYSDEC How to Get Certified Course" in Ellicottville next week on March 3<sup>rd</sup>! Join us to learn more about how to become a certified applicator and maintain certification, worker protection standard, recordkeeping, and receive test taking tips. Take this class as a standalone information session or register for the exam scheduled on March 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to register, call Katelyn Miller at 716-640-2047.

### **Dairy Grazing Association Winter Survival Roundtable: Strategies that Worked (and Didn't!)**

Whether you have forty years of Winter experience or if this was your first big freeze, I think we can all agree this Winter was one for the record books. DGA invites farmers to gather virtually on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30pm learn from one another and help each other make the best plans possible for next year.

### **Registration closes March 5th for three upcoming Ag Supervisory Leadership Courses**

Cornell's Agricultural Workforce Development is offering three excellent Agricultural Supervisory Leadership courses designed to strengthen supervisory and leadership skills on the farm: "Transition to Supervisor"; "Transition a Supervisor" (taught in Spanish); and "Staffing and Organizing Your Team". Scholarships are available for dairy registrants in the northeast. All three courses begin in March.

### **New York Pork Producers Releases Video Series on the Basics of Converting Old Dairy Barns to Swine Facilities**

This past fall, our team partnered with NYPP and Tim Terry from Pro Dairy to put together a series of short videos covering the basic considerations of using dairy barns for swine facilities. The series includes 3 short videos featuring 3 regional farms, and a recorded webinar that covers what's involved in a conversion in more detail. Visit the playlist [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

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

<b>Title</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b><u>NYSDEC How To Get Certified Course*</u></b>	March 3	Ellicottville <i>(Cattaraugus County)</i>	10am-12pm
<b><u>From Data to Dollars: Making Data-driven Decisions to Increase Farmers Market Success</u></b>	March 3	Zoom	7pm-8:30pm
<b><u>Cornell Organic Field Crops &amp; Dairy Conference</u></b>	March 6	Waterloo <i>(Ontario County)</i>	8am-4:30pm
<b><u>Rural Landowner Workshop</u></b>	March 7	Yorkshire <i>(Wyoming County)</i>	9am-3pm
<b><u>NY Pork Producers – 2026 Producer Summit &amp; Annual Meeting</u></b>	March 13 & 14	Hamilton <i>(Madison County)</i>	All Day
<b><u>Mid Atlantic Grain Conference</u></b>	March 15 & 16	Pennsylvania	All Day
<i>*Denotes that the event is hosted by, or includes speakers from, SWNYDLFC.</i>			

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