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3.12.2026 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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NYS Beginning Farmer Grant Opens March 16th

The 2026 round of the New York Farm Viability Institute’s Beginning Farmer Competitive Grant Program (BFCG) will go live on March 16th and is open through June 14th. The program will provide 1.7 million to support beginning farmers in building financially sustainable, independent, commercial agricultural enterprises throughout New York State.

EPA Approves Federal Registration for Over-the-Top Dicamba Application

The EPA has approved federal registration of three over-the-top (OTT) dicamba products in soybeans. This approval comes with strong restrictions, recognizing the risks of drift and volatility with dicamba products. Check out [this article](#) for what label changes have been made, as well as a timeline for registration in NYS.

The Periparturient Egg Rise in Does and Ewes

Two weeks prior to and eight weeks following birthing are a time when internal parasites of mature does and ewes start reproducing in the gut in large numbers, infecting the environment rapidly. This article reviews risk factors and ways to manage this natural phenomenon.

Strong Volumes, Softer Margins, and Structural Risk - Milk Check Outlook

U.S. Milk production is setting records into 2026, but today’s strong volumes tell a more complicated story about the sector’s underlying health. Check out this short update from Hoard’s Dairyman to learn more.

Upcoming Events			
For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.			
Title	Date(s)	Location	Time
NY Pork Producers – 2026 Producer Summit & Annual Meeting	March 13 & 14	Hamilton <i>(Madison County)</i>	All Day
Mid Atlantic Grain Conference	March 15 & 16	Pennsylvania	All Day
Quality Wool Workshop	March 21	Alfred <i>(Allegany County)</i>	10am-4pm
Dairy of Distinction	April 15 <i>(deadline)</i>	New York State	

*Denotes that the event is hosted by, or includes speakers from, SWNYDLFC.

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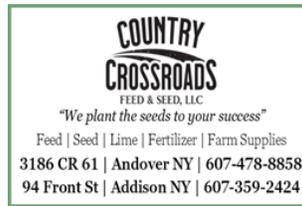
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