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4.02.2026 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops Program

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MILKING IT: Moving Milk Quality Forward

Don't miss this FREE lunch-and-learn on April 14th from 11 AM–1 PM at the Springville Fire Hall! Enjoy a complimentary lunch, enter for door prizes, and discover ways to take your milk quality to the next level. Registration is required.

Women in Ag Legislative Breakfast – April 24th, 9am – 12pm in Avon, NY

Come on out for an in-person gathering celebrating the incredible women shaping agriculture! This event features NYS Assemblywoman Andrea Bailey, NYS Senator Pam Helming, the Finger Lakes Small Business Development Center, Genesee Valley Conservancy, and Jenn Vorhees from Sap Tap Farms.

Spring Forage Harvest Planning Checklist

The calendar says spring is here, which means we'll be harvesting forages before we know it. Check out this spring forage checklist from Joe Lawrence to plan out your harvest strategy for this growing season.

Retirement plans and Other Employee Benefits

As an employer, what should you consider when evaluating retirement plan options for your business? Join CCE's Ag Workforce Development for a Virtual Office Hour webinar on April 14th at noon featuring retirement and employee benefits plan experts covering this topic.

Farm Credit East Farmers Market Grant Program accepting applications through April 15th

This annual program provides small grants to Northeast farmers markets to support their promotion and development efforts. Any market located within the eight-state New England territory is eligible to apply for \$500 to support participating farmers, complete market enhancements, conduct marketing efforts, and/or host programs that support disadvantaged communities or improve food access.

Upcoming Events

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

Title	Date(s)	Location	Time
<u>NY Beef Producer's Association Region 4 Annual Meeting</u>	April 4	Alfred <i>(Allegany County)</i>	12:30pm
<u>MILKING IT: Moving Milk Quality Forward*</u>	April 14	Springville <i>(Erie County)</i>	11am-1pm
<u>Dairy of Distinction</u>	April 15 <i>(deadline)</i>	New York State	
<u>Women in Ag Legislative Breakfast</u>	April 24	Avon	9am-12pm
*Denotes that the event is hosted by, or includes speakers from, SWNYDLFC.			

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