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## 4.09.2026 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: [Allegheny](#), [Cattaraugus](#), [Chautauqua](#), [Erie](#), and [Steuben](#).

Thank you **Darleen Krisher-Meehan** from **Country Crossroads Feed and Seed** and **Cliff Love** from **VM Agritch** for sponsoring this Weekly Update.

### Virtual Sheep and Goat Fecal Egg Count Training on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm via Zoom

Amy Barkley and Rachel Moody, Livestock Specialists with Cornell Cooperative Extension, will take attendees through the why, how, and interpretation of fecal egg count testing for sheep and goats using the McMaster method. Individuals attending this training will learn about common parasite lifecycles; integrated pest management practices; collecting and submitting samples for testing; interpreting fecal egg count test results; & deworming protocols and practices to reduce parasite resistance.

### USDA’s Rural Development Value Added Producer Grants in New York – due April 22

This program helps agricultural producers enter into value-added activities that generate new products from raw agricultural commodities, create and expand marketing opportunities, or increase producer income through enhanced product value and market reach. These grants support either planning activities (e.g., feasibility studies, business and marketing plans) or working capital needs (e.g., processing, packaging, advertising, inventory, and salaries). Apply by April 22.

### Field Crop Pathology Needs Assessment Survey

We want your feedback! Let us know what field crop diseases you are facing on your farm with this brief, anonymous survey. Your responses will help guide Field Crop Pathology Research.

### US Dairy Herd Dynamics: Dairy Heifer Supply and Beef-on-Dairy

Christopher Wolf, a professor of agriculture, food and resource economics from Cornell University, wrote this informative article analyzing the recent dairy herd dynamics within the United States.

Upcoming Events			
<i>For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.</i>			
Title	Date(s)	Location	Time
<a href="#">MILKING IT: Moving Milk Quality Forward*</a>	April 14	Springville <i>(Erie County)</i>	11am-1pm
<a href="#">Dairy of Distinction</a>	April 15 <i>(deadline)</i>	New York State	
<a href="#">Virtual Egg Count Training for Sheep &amp; Goats*</a>	April 23	Zoom	6pm-7:30pm
<a href="#">Women in Ag Legislative Breakfast</a>	April 24	Avon	9am-12pm
<a href="#">So, You Want To Start A Farm Stand?*</a>	May 12	Zoom	12pm-1pm

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

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