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4.16.2026 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension’s SWNY Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops Program

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Southwest New York Beef Update: What We’re Seeing Right Now

With all that’s going on in the world right now, some beef producers are asking, “what happens next”. While it’s likely that none of this will come as a surprise, it’s worth stepping back and looking at the bigger picture, the regional lens, and what this means for moving forward.

Wet Weather Manure Spreading Reminders

March 2026 has been wet, hovering around 150 percent of normal precipitation for much of New York. While this has some manure storages approaching or exceeding their operational capacity, it is critical to follow the prohibited spreading conditions within the CAFO permit and spreading plans in your CNMP. Check out this bulletin from PRO-DAIRY sharing important reminders for spreading manure while experiencing wet weather conditions.

Water: The Forgotten Nutrient in Dairy Production


Water is one of the most consumed nutrients by dairy cows, and yet it is often overlooked. Water access and quality directly impact milk production, health, and overall performance. Given these important roles, water intake becomes a key management consideration.

Provide your input into the Governor’s Sun and Soil Program

NYSERDA is requesting feedback regarding the Governor’s Sun & Soil Program, which seeks to help farmers benefit from the integration of solar energy development on their land while sustaining the agricultural use of productive farmland from farmers, ag support organizations and others who support the agricultural community. Feedback is requested by April 30th using this [form](#).

Upcoming Events			
For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.			
Title	Date(s)	Location	Time
Virtual Egg Count Training for Sheep & Goats*	April 23	Zoom	6pm-7:30pm
Women in Ag Legislative Breakfast	April 24	Avon	9am-12pm
So, You Want To Start A Farm Stand?*	May 12	Zoom	12pm-1pm
2026 Multi-Species Pasture Walk at the Vanstrom Homestead*	June 20	Kennedy (Chautauqua)	11am-2pm

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

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