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4.23.2026 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](#).

Thank you **Don Wild from Wild Acres Family Farm** and **Bradley Griffith from Growmark FS** for sponsoring this Weekly Update.

Department of Ag & Markets Announces Call for Nominations for Women in Agriculture Awards

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets announces nominations are open for the 2026 Women in Agriculture Awards. Presented at The Great New York State Fair, the award honors and celebrates the vital role that women play across New York's agricultural sector. This year's celebration is especially significant, as the U.N. has declared 2026 the **International Year of the Woman Farmer**. Nominations will close **May 22, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**

Buckle Up: Volatile Nitrogen Pricing

If you've priced fertilizer recently, or have been watching any news outlet, you've likely figured out that N costs are up exponentially. While the price outlook is unclear, it's likely that for the time being, prices will remain elevated, making it a critical time to evaluate your nutrient management strategy. Check out this article for tips on maintaining yields and efficient nutrient use, all while protecting your bottom line during this period of high fertilizer costs.

EPA Approved List of Products for Livestock Applications

The VetPestX web portal has recently been updated with all the products that the EPA has approved for use in livestock. You will have to double check the NYSPAD to ensure that the product is registered in NYS.

Final Date to Apply for or Make Changes to Crop Insurance Coverage Approaching

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds agricultural producers that the final date to apply for or make changes to their existing crop insurance coverage is quickly approaching. Sales closing dates vary by crop and location, but the next major sales closing dates are May 1, May 15, July 15, and July 31. Producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2027 crop year. Crop insurance coverage decisions must be made on or before the applicable sales closing date. Federal crop insurance is critical to the farm safety net. It helps producers and owners manage revenue risks and strengthens the rural economy. Producers may select from several coverage options, including yield coverage, revenue protection, and area risk plans of insurance.

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Upcoming Events			
<i>For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.</i>			
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
Artificial Insemination Training For Cattle Producers	June 5 & 6	Arkport <i>(Steuben)</i>	
2026 Multi-Species Pasture Walk at the Vanstrom Homestead*	June 20	Kennedy <i>(Chautauqua)</i>	11am-2pm

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

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