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5.28.2026 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops Program

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What Adds Value To A Beef Calf, By Dr. Adam Murray and Amy Barkley

With input costs steadily rising and beef calves fetching historically high prices, taking steps to secure and increase your return on investment for beef calves remains a priority. This article explores targets for weaning, castration, deworming, and vaccinations.

Robotic Milking Affects Labor Costs Differently Depending On Farm Size

Check out the latest "Chart of Note" from the USDA which looks at the labor costs for robotic and traditional milking based on herd size.

Cornell Horse Symposium on Friday, June 12, 2026 in Ithaca

Topics for this year include nutrition, genetics, musculoskeletal disease, behavioral case studies, and multiple afternoon activities including a standing surgery tour, performing fecal egg counts, Cornell Equine Park tour, forage sampling analysis and interpretation, and science-based horse training cases. The deadline to register is June 3rd, and you can register here: tinyurl.com/cornellhorse2026

New York Soil Health Challenge

Interested to learn more about how your soil health compares to similar farms? Join the New York Soil Health Challenge to receive a free soil-health analysis, meaningful benchmarks, and learn from your peers. For more information and to take the survey, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events			
For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.			
Title	Date(s)	Location	Time
<u>Artificial Insemination Training For Cattle Producers</u>	June 5 & 6	Arkport (Steuben)	
<u>2026 Multi-Species</u>			

Pasture Walk at the Vanstrom Homestead*	June 20	Kennedy <i>(Chautauqua)</i>	11am-2pm
Dairy Grazing Pasture Walk*	July 1	Bath <i>(Steuben)</i>	1pm-4pm
*Denotes that the event is hosted by, or includes speakers from, SWNYDLFC.			

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