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6.04.2026 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops Program

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Cornell Cow Convos - Episode 36: Dairy grazing management with "Grass Whisperer"

In this episode of Cornell Cow Convos, Katie Callero, MS, and Betsy Hicks, MS, CCE regional dairy specialists interview Troy Bishopp, Resource Manager, National Grazing Lands Coalition, affectionately known as the "Grass Whisperer" about grass regrowth rate, growing quality grass for dairy farmers, and "linger grazing." Troy Bishopp has over 40 years of experience planning, grazing chart monitoring and master fence building as well as utilizing integrity managed pastures on his own farm Bishopp Family Farm.

Farmland, Solar and Your Community: What Farmers Need to Know

Across rural America, farmers and ranchers are seeing solar projects proposed in their communities. This article from Renewable Energy Farmers of America addresses what it means for your land, your operation and your community.

Early Season Pests

The growing season is in full swing, but insect pressure is too. We're already seeing reports of black cutworm damage coming in, which is one of multiple early season pests that we deal with. [Click here](#) to read more about them and other common early season pests.

Determining Market Readiness of Finished Cattle

Regardless of how beef animals are finished, either by grass, grain, or a combination, market weight animals that are sent to the auction or processor should be finished properly. This article reviews the characteristics of finishing as described in the Cornell Small Farms video, "Determining Market Readiness of Finished Cattle", narrated by [Dr. Mike Baker](#), found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HrF5aCEAl-Q&feature=emb_title

Upcoming Events			
For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.			
Title	Date(s)	Location	Time
Artificial Insemination Training For Cattle Producers	June 5 & 6	Arkport (Steuben)	
2026 Multi-Species Pasture Walk at the Vanstrom Homestead*	June 20	Kennedy (Chautauqua)	11am-2pm
Soil Health Field Day*	June 30	Farmersville (Cattaraugus)	10am-1pm
Dairy Grazing Pasture Walk*	July 1	Bath (Steuben)	1pm-4pm

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

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