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7.23.2026 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops Program

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Tractor Safety Workshop

We're celebrating the Year of the Woman Farmer with our upcoming Tractor Safety Workshop. This educational program is designed to build the confidence and skills needed to operate and maintain farm equipment safely and responsibly. SG Groat, an experienced tractor safety trainer, will be instructing attendees in tractor functionality, maintenance, and safety.

Interested in learning more about: Tractor Functionality, Tractor Safety, Basic Maintenance, Troubleshooting
This program is open to everyone, but for the best learning experience, space is limited at each program location.
All-day program hosted one day between August 20th - 22nd.

NYS Meat Processing Expansion Grant Program (Round 2) Open for Applications

This grant program is for NYS residents who are looking to establish or expand meat processing facilities. Funds provided by this grant will be used to invest in the cost of construction, renovation, alteration, rehabilitation, improvements, installation, acquisition, repair or replacement of buildings, equipment, or permanent facilities to support the preparation, processing, packaging, and storage of processed New York meat products. A 20% match is required. Applications are due by September 23rd, 2026, with awards provided in late fall 2026.

A Side of Nitrogen, Please!

For every ton of corn silage produced per acre, the crop is estimated to take up about 7 pounds of nitrogen (N). Applying the right N rate is essential to meeting crop needs while minimizing economic losses and reducing environmental impact. Check out this article to learn more about the ideal timing for sidedressing and the key factors that influence application rates.

Margins hold tight despite falling prices

In this article consultant Mike McCully reports on the Milk Check Outlook with Hoard's Dairyman. Milk supply continues to see growth, but that growth is slowing as we head into mid-year. High energy and gas prices have impacted the demand for dairy products, and it's likely this trend will continue throughout the year.

Upcoming Events			
For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.			
Title	Date(s)	Location	Time
Tractor Safety Workshop	August 20-22	Cherry Creek (Chautauqua)	9am-4pm
New York State Agritourism Conference	November 4 & 5	Geneva (Ontario)	All Day
*Denotes that the event is hosted by, or includes speakers from, SWNYDLFC.			

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