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7.30.2026 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops Program

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NYS Meat Processing Expansion Grant Virtual Office Hours August 26th 12pm – 1pm

This webinar will review grant application considerations and details for what qualifies for MPEG funding for this application cycle. Time is set aside to allow attendees to get their questions answered. You can register [here](#)

Research Share: Influence of Breed and Age on Lamb Performance and Meat Quality

Presented by Tom Murphy, research geneticist with the USDA ARS out of Nebraska, this set of slides reviews lamb quality as defined by flavor attributes and what impacts them, including age, breed, and cut. The research also shares some carcass breakdown numbers.

FARM Program Launches Open Comment Period

The National Dairy Farmer Assuring Responsible Management (FARM) program has opened for public comment on its proposed 2028 standards. All dairy industry stakeholders are invited to provide feedback by October 2nd at this [link](#).

Pesticides 6NYCRR Part 320 Series Rulemaking

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will be holding a virtual stakeholder meeting to obtain input on potential changes to current pesticides regulations and new regulations for the Birds and Bees Protection Act on **Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 9:30am**. To attend this event, [pre-registration](#) is required. More details coming soon. Contact us at pestregs@dec.ny.gov or 518-402-8748 if you have any general questions regarding the meeting or the registration process.

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

<u>Large Animal Awareness Training for First Responders</u>	September 19	Dunkirk (Chautauqua)	8am-1pm
<u>New York State Agritourism Conference</u>	November 4 & 5	Geneva (Ontario)	All Day
<i>*Denotes that the event is hosted by, or includes speakers from, SWNYDLFC.</i>			



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