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Subject: Hay Fires, Parasites in Small Ruminants and more!

8.20.2026 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops Program

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Beef On Dairy Dialogue Webinar On August 26: The Effects Of Growth Enhancing Technology On Mineral Requirements In DXB Cattle

Join Iowa State extension at 1 PM on August 26th as they host Dr. Dathan Smerchek to talk about the effect of growth enhancing technologies on trace mineral requirements for dairy x beef cows.

FREE Webinar: Improving Production Outcomes and Reducing Internal Parasite Resistance in Small Ruminants, September 8th, 6pm

Join PRO-LIVESTOCK Small Ruminant Specialist, Jess Waltemyer and Livestock Specialist, Amy Barkley, to learn how integrated pest management strategies like pasture rotation, strategic use of dewormers, fecal egg count reduction testing, FAMACHA, and 5-Point Checks© can protect your operation's bottom line. This webinar shares the results of one-on-one whole farm evaluations conducted with 10 New York farms in 2025, revealing real-world data on parasite burdens and dewormer resistance to help share the challenges that our small ruminant farmers face. Register [here](#).

Hay Fires: Risks, Hazards, and Prevention

Dry hay with an increased moisture level is a concern not only from a quality perspective, leading to increased dry matter losses and mold growth, but is also at an increased risk for heating, and subsequently fires. With reports of hay fires hitting the news, we think it's a good time to dive into what causes the hay to heat, how to decrease the risk of hay fires, and the hazards associated.

Upcoming Events			
For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks.			
Title	Date(s)	Location	Time
<u>Livestock Production Field Day*</u>	August 29	Chaffee & Aurora (Erie)	3pm-8:30pm
<u>Poultry Processing Workshop*</u>	September 17	Canandaigua (Ontario)	5:30pm-8:30pm

<u>Large Animal Awareness Training for First Responders</u>	September 19	Dunkirk (Chautauqua)	8am-1pm
<u>Organic Dairy Pasture Walk</u>	September 22	Freedom (Cattaraugus)	9:30am-1pm
<u>Allegany County Farmer Neighbor Dinner</u>	September 30	Alfred Station (Allegany)	5:30pm-8pm
<u>Dairy Feeder School*</u>	October 29	Freedom (Cattaraugus)	9:30am-3:30pm
<u>Ginseng Workshop</u>	October 29	Franklinville (Allegany)	12pm
<u>New York State Agritourism Conference</u>	November 4 & 5	Geneva (Ontario)	All Day
*Denotes that the event is hosted by, or includes speakers from, SWNYDLFC.			

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