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## 9.17.2026 Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension's SWNY Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops Program

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### **Disaster Reporting for September 2, 2026**

Our region experienced significant severe weather resulting from a powerful series of storms that went through on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Any damage sustained by agricultural lands, crops, livestock operations, buildings, or other agricultural facilities can be reported to our team.

### **The Root of the Problem: Battling Western Corn Rootworm**

Based on grower reports out of Central NY, 22 fields and over 2,000 acres have been impacted over 4 counties by root injury and goosenecking. The southern tier is not immune from CRW pressure, as scouting efforts show pest presence here as well. So, how serious is this pest and what's the end result?

### **Crisis, Transition, and Your Voice: Steuben & Catt Dairy Farmers Needed**

Compensation is provided for dairy farmers in Steuben and Cattaraugus County who join a confidential NYCAMH focus-group study aimed at strengthening community support during periods of crisis and transition. For details or to participate, reach out to Conor Hammersley at [Conor.hammersley@bassett.org](mailto:Conor.hammersley@bassett.org) or 607-547-6023.

| Upcoming Events                                                      |              |                       |               |
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| For more information and to register, click on the title hyperlinks. |              |                       |               |
| Title                                                                | Date(s)      | Location              | Time          |
| <b><u>Poultry Processing Workshop*</u></b>                           | September 17 | Canandaigua (Ontario) | 5:30pm-8:30pm |
| <b><u>Tax 101: An Introduction to Income Taxes for Farmers</u></b>   | September 17 | Zoom                  | 1pm-2pm       |
| <b><u>Large Animal Awareness Training for First Responders</u></b>   | September 19 | Dunkirk (Chautauqua)  | 8am-1pm       |

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| <b><u>Organic Dairy Pasture Walk</u></b>                                   | September 22   | Freedom<br>(Cattaraugus)     | 9:30am-1pm    |
| <b><u>Allegany County Farmer Neighbor Dinner</u></b>                       | September 30   | Alfred Station<br>(Allegany) | 5:30pm-8pm    |
| <b><u>Dairy Feeder School*</u></b>                                         | October 29     | Freedom<br>(Cattaraugus)     | 9:30am-3:30pm |
| <b><u>Ginseng Workshop</u></b>                                             | October 29     | Franklinville<br>(Allegany)  | 12pm          |
| <b><u>Tax 102: Tax Planning &amp; Strategies for Farmers</u></b>           | November 4     | Zoom                         | 1pm-2pm       |
| <b><u>New York State Agritourism Conference</u></b>                        | November 4 & 5 | Geneva<br>(Ontario)          | All Day       |
| *Denotes that the event is hosted by, or includes speakers from, SWNYDLFC. |                |                              |               |

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