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11.5.2020 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

Important Notice for Licensed Pesticide Applicators!

Because of COVID-19, the NYS DEC did not require growers whose licenses expired in November of 2019 or later to renew their applicator's license in order to buy & spray restricted use materials during the 2020 growing season. That discretionary policy is no longer in effect. **If your license expired between November 2019 and Nov. 23, 2020, you must obtain the full number of recertification credits and renew your license. Starting Nov. 24, 2020, you cannot to buy or apply pesticides until your license has been renewed.** The DEC is giving growers a 90-day grace period before adding penalty credits to overdue renewal applications. **Growers should complete COVID-delayed license renewals by February 23, 2021.** If your license expires after Nov. 23, 2020, you will follow the typical DEC renewal process.

New York State Forage Exchange Available to Producers Buying and Selling Forages

The New York State Forage Exchange is a free-to-use, open access site hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension where buyers and sellers of forages can meet. It is free to sign up and use the exchange, which can be another tool to keep in mind as we head into winter following a year where forage harvests have been variable. Corn and hay are the two main forage categories on the site, though individual ads contain information including forage type, harvest date, volume, format (large round, small square, by the ton, etc.), and price. The exchange can be found at <https://nysforageexchange.com/>

Preparing for Dairy Calf Care in Winter

With temperatures dropping and the first snow flying, it is important to confirm farms are ready for the winter. While animal care is a top priority for dairy farms year round, there are some additional considerations to keep in mind during cold months, especially for vulnerable groups like calves. Ensuring our calf care is up to date for the winter season can set them up for success in the future. For more information on preparing calves for winter, read [this article](#) or reach out to [Alycia Drwencke](#), Dairy Management Specialist.

Cornell's Second Block of Online Small Farms Courses is Starting Now!

The second fall block of Cornell Small Farms online courses, which are shared as live webinars, begin this week! It's not too late to sign up if a class has already started, since lecture recordings are available in addition to the live weekly webinars. Topics include: [Beef Cattle Management](#), [Berry Production](#), [Getting Started with Pastured Pigs](#), [Introduction to Maple Syrup Production](#), [Poultry Production](#), and [Vegetable Production 1](#). To see these and other courses, visit the [Small Farms website](#).

2020 Corn Silage Overview Available

-Provided by Joe Lawrence and Allison Kerwin – PRO-DAIRY at Cornell and Department of Animal Science-

The 2020 NY & VT Corn Silage Hybrid Evaluation Program Report is now available. The growing season across much of the Northeast started out with below average temperatures, but despite the cool start, good growing conditions allowed for a timely fall harvest. Each year brings its own challenges and opportunities. It is important to evaluate the data in the context of your own farm when selecting corn hybrids. The top performing hybrid at any location may not be a good fit for another location or soil type. The PDF version of the document can be accessed [here](#) or for more information about hybrid performance and placement, contact Josh Putman at jap473@cornell.edu or 716-490-5572.

North Country Regional Virtual Dairy Day

Join the North Country Regional Ag Team virtually for their main dairy program. This 4 part virtual series will provide the latest information on dairy production and management, emerging trends, and local research updates. The series will take place daily on January 12th-15th from 12-2pm. Registration is \$20 for all 4 sessions. [Register here](#).

Upcoming Events

Our team has been keeping our [events page on our website](#) as up to date as possible. You'll find SWNYDLFC generated programming and more. Several of our industry partners have been providing helpful webinars to help keep producers up-to-date while also addressing seasonal needs.

You are receiving this email because you have enrolled/subscribed to the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program through your local county extension office or through our contact form. To discontinue receiving updates from our program, simply reply to this email with "stop". If you have any questions, please reach out. If you know of someone who would benefit from our team's resources or is interested in learning more, please share the online contact form available at: https://cornell.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eVG2c8y0BtXaRgx

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM OUR TEAM: Cornell Cooperative Extension's Southwest New York Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program prioritizes the health, safety, and well-being of our staff, constituents, and community members. **We are dedicated to continuing our exceptional programming and support services for the agricultural community in our region during this time of uncertainty.** Our team is continuing to answer requests for phone, email, and mail consultations while developing research-based virtual programming and resources to support our farm businesses. We are still able to travel throughout the region to conduct on-farm visits and research while following proper social distancing guidelines. We continue to communicate via weekly email updates and have increased our paper mailings. We are proud to be in positions where we can help farmers manage their businesses during this time and hope that you and your family stay safe and healthy!

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Food Production, Processing & Safety Questions:

<https://instituteforfoodsafety.cornell.edu/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Employment & Agricultural Workforce Questions:

<http://agworkforce.cals.cornell.edu/>

Cornell Small Farms Resiliency Resources:

<https://smallfarms.cornell.edu/resources/farm-resilience/>

Financial & Mental Health Resources for Farmers:

<https://www.nyfarmnet.org/>

Cornell Farmworker Program

www.farmworkers.cornell.edu

www.trabajadores.cornell.edu (en espanol)