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11.25.2020 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

Farmland: To Purchase or to Lease?

This year's growing season is coming to a rapid close. In thinking to the year ahead, how, where, and at what scale we want to farm may come back under the lens of consideration. Perhaps there is an opportunity to increase forage and crop production by expanding into more acreage. Maybe a chance to get into farming has presented itself. Whether you are looking to start a farm or are a seasoned farmer looking to expand the acreage of your enterprise, you can choose to either lease or purchase land.

Have you Winterized your Sprayer yet?

Now that most of the spraying is over and the weather is turning cold, it's time to winterize your pesticide sprayer to avoid damage to sprayer components. The reality is that the season is not really over until you properly clean your spray equipment, inspect it, complete any necessary maintenance, and winterize it. A few productive moments and timely repairs in the fall can save hours or days of delays in the spring. A [publication](#) from Purdue University provides tips to preparing your spray equipment for winter storage.

Virtual Dairy Feeder School Recordings

Did you miss out on the virtual dairy feeder school program that was put on by Cornell Cooperative Extension Regional Dairy Specialists and Cornell PRO-DAIRY? Not to fear! The recordings and slide PDF's for the virtual program are now available in both English and Spanish. For additional information, reach out to [Alycia Drwencke](#), Dairy Management Specialist. Recording links and PDF's are available [here](#).

The Results are in for SWNY! Soybean Cyst Nematode Distribution in the State

Soybean cyst nematode (SCN) is considered to be the number one pest of soybeans nationally and globally. It was estimated to have caused 109 million bushels of soybeans lost in the US alone in 2017. The 2020 statewide SCN survey revealed 23 **NEW** counties confirmed with at least one field positive for SCN. **In SWNY, 3 out of 5 counties tested positive for SCN (Steuben, Allegany, and Chautauqua)**. This brings us to a total of 30 counties with SCN confirmations since 2016. That means it's time for our soybean growers to start actively managing for this potentially devastating pest, before it becomes our number one problem for soybean production in NY. Additional resources about SCN can be accessed at: <https://www.thescncoalition.com/resources/tools-to-download>. Also, check out these short videos titled "[Let's Talk Todes](#)" to learn more about managing soybean cyst nematode.

Organic Dairy Systems Summit

A free virtual summit for organic dairy producers will take place on December 8th from 10am-2:15pm. Registration is available [here](#). Topics that will be covered include organic research updates, state of the organic dairy industry, market outlook, and challenges and opportunities facing producers, processors, and retailers of organic dairy products. For more information on dairy related topics, reach out to [Alycia Drwencke](#).

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.

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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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<https://institutefforfoodsafety.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

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