12.3.2020 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

Critical Calf Care: Urgent Decision Making for Dairy Calf Health
Cornell Cooperative Extension’s Regional Dairy Specialists would like to invite dairy producers, employees, and agribusiness professionals across the state to join a series of 7 webinars focused on Critical Calf Care: Urgent Decision Making for Dairy Calf Health. This virtual learning opportunity will be offered every Tuesday beginning at 12:30pm for 7 consecutive weeks January 5th – February 16th, 2021. One time registration is required by visiting https://tinyurl.com/calfcare. Registration is good for the entire series. Thanks to generous sponsors, registration fees have been covered. The first 6 sessions will be 30 minute presentations and discussions, while the final session will be a one hour panel with industry experts! For more information, contact Alycia Drwencke, Dairy Management Specialist, at 517-416-0386 or amd453@cornell.edu

Nonlethal Predator Management
Where there is livestock, especially grazing livestock, there are predators waiting to take advantage of a free and easy meal. While the kneejerk reaction is to eliminate the pressure through lethal means, there are non-lethal methods that can be just as successful. This is especially true if a population of predators that lacks boldness and aggression. Methods of control include managerial, physical, and biological. Selecting the proper set of tools to match predator pressure and livestock type is key to a robust control program.

Resources on Invasive Spotted Lanternfly from Northeastern IPM, NYSIPM
A population of spotted lanternfly (SLF) has been found in Ithaca, NY, just off the Cornell University campus. They were found on their favorite host plant, another invasive species, tree of heaven (Ailanthus altissima). However, SLF also feeds on many other trees and plants, which, unfortunately, includes grapevines. With New York State’s important Finger Lakes grape-growing region and wine industries so close to Ithaca, state agencies and researchers are particularly concerned about this pest’s impact in the region. View more information on SLF here.

Troubleshooting Herd Health Issues on Your Dairy podcast series
The Troubleshooting Herd Health Issues podcast series launched this week. Episodes will be released weekly and discuss specific areas to look at when experiencing issues in different life stages of the dairy cow, including preweaned calves, transition through weaning, heifer phase, calving pen issues, metabolic disorders of the transition cow, specific fresh cow issues, lactating cow issues from mastitis, issues with reproduction, production, feeding behavior and facilities, hoof health and lameness, and problems during the dry period. The Series Introduction and episode 1, Pre-Weaned Calves (Part 1) are now available. For more information on trouble shooting herd health on your farm, reach out to Alycia Drwencke.
2020 Corn Silage Performance Data Released

Yield and quality performance data of 90 hybrids from 17 different seed brands entered into the 2020 NY VT Corn Silage Hybrid Evaluation Program are reported in the Full Report: 2020 New York & Vermont Corn Silage Hybrid Trial Results. The report provides general insights of what to expect when feeding corn silage produced in the 2020 growing season as well as specific data on individual hybrid performance. Joe Lawrence, PRO-DAIRY, also released an overview of 2020 Corn Silage.

Final Call for USDA’s Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 and Dairy Margin Coverage Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds farmers and ranchers that the deadline to apply for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) and Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) is Dec. 11, 2020. A full list of eligible commodities for CFAP 2 can be found here. Details on the DMC can be viewed here. For more information, contact your local FSA office. In the Southwest NY region, the county offices can be reached at: Allegany (585) 268-5133; Cattaraugus (716) 699-2375; Chautauqua (716) 664-2351; Erie (716) 652-1400; Steuben (607) 776-7398.

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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