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12.17.2020 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

Results from post-emergence corn herbicide study on waterhemp

Waterhemp is a problematic weed throughout the US and has recently spread to several counties in NY. A summary of 6 years of field research completed in southwestern Ontario Canada found that Callisto + Atrazine, Coverage + Atrazine, Shieldex + Atrazine and Acuron Flexi, applied post-emergence in corn, controlled multiple-herbicide-resistant waterhemp 91-92%; Acuron provided the best control with 96%. This information was provided by [Dr. Peter Sikkema](#) at the University of Guelph.

Narrow Down the Cause of Calf Scours

Hoard's Dairyman recently summarized tips for narrowing down the cause of calf scours. The [article](#) highlights key management consideration that were discussed in an episode of "[Troubleshooting Herd Health Issues on Your Dairy](#)" a podcast by Cornell PRO-DAIRY and Regional Dairy Specialists. Following these best management practices can help you identify the type of scours occurring on your farm and reduce the prevalence in your calves. For more information, reach out to [Alycia Drwencke](#), Dairy Management Specialist.

Fiber Producer Feedback Needed!

[Cornell Cooperative Extension Specialists are working to develop a working group for fiber producers. This includes farms focusing on fiber as well as those who are harvesting fiber as a secondary crop from their livestock. Currently, the group is working to understand regional and state challenges within the fiber community to best develop collaboration and education efforts. If you are willing to share your challenges, please fill out this form. Your feedback is greatly appreciated!](#)

Sneaky Pasture Weeds – Sedges and Rushes

[Pasture weeds are a thorn in the side for many graziers, but one particular group, the sedges and rushes, has a special notoriety. They like to inhabit poorer clay soils and thrive with wet feet. Mowing and tillage are ineffective in reducing their prevalence, as they can spread via underground structures and have dense root systems containing a large amount of stored energy. Unlike some other weeds, they unfortunately have low palatability, and if left unmanaged, can take over large portions of a pasture. Kitty O'Neal, Regional Field Crops and Forage Specialist, shares some more details about these plants' biologies and considerations for control.](#)

COVID-19 Weekly Updates for Food Industry

[Cornell Agricultural Workforce Development recently shared: Farm managers and employees need to keep up the good fight against COVID-19. Most seasonal employees have already left our fruit and vegetable farms but year-round employers still have an essential workforce in place. The Institute for](#)

[Food Safety at Cornell is producing a weekly video with COVID updates in English and Spanish. They also have a wide variety of other resources on their page. Of course, all of us need to keep the 3 W's \(or 3 M's in Spanish\) in mind and practice them: wear your mask, wash your hands, watch your distance. Find some excellent resources in multiple languages 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.

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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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COVID-19 response:

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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 español)