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6.4.2020 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

Resources Available for Drafting a Farm Safety Plan – REQUIRED

As New York begins reopening, all businesses, even if they have continued to operate during “NY PAUSE” must have a Safety Plan in place! For food-producing farms, these plans do not need to be submitted anywhere, but do need to be in place and available at a moment’s notice in the situation of a call from your county’s health department. NYS has released a base form that is [available here](#), but recently Cornell Cooperative Extension specialists across the state developed [farm specific examples](#) that you might be able to pull from. The plan must consider three parts of your farm business: **People** (family, employees, vendors, visitors), **Place** (the work environment, shared equipment, and proper sanitization), and **Process** (*mandatory* health screenings, contact tracing, and communication). You may also consider incorporating recent guidelines from the [Center for Disease Control and Department of Labor](#) along with [NYS Ag and Markets](#). If you have any questions or concerns about preparing this for your operation, please reach out to [Katelyn Walley-Stoll](#), Farm Business Management Specialist.

Navigating Farm Management Changes with Employees by Libby Eiholzer

[Libby Eiholzer](#), Bilingual Dairy Specialist with the [Northwest NY Dairy, Livestock and Field Crops team](#) shares some key considerations for navigating farm management changes with your employees. For assistance with updating SOP’s and management changes on your dairy, contact [Alycia Drwencke](#).

Dung Beetles Aid in Reducing Flies and Gastrointestinal Parasites in Pastures, by Ken Wise, Dr. Mike Baker, and Jaime Cummings

Dung beetles may be unassuming members of pasture ecology, but are excellent managers of nutrients and pasture parasites. Given the right populations and conditions, entire manure pats can be stored and consumed by these insects in 36-48 hours. Under ideal conditions, they can control 95% of horn flies, and not only compete with horn flies, but also gastrointestinal parasites for the manure in the pats. That said, many commonly used pasture pesticides, both internal and external, have active ingredients which have the unintended consequence of being detrimental to dung beetles. In this newly published article, Ken Wise, Livestock and Field Crops IPM Extension Educator, reviews ways to increase dung beetle populations, those pesticides which are less toxic to dung beetle populations, and lists various feed-through insecticides. The article in its entirety can be found here: <https://ecommons.cornell.edu/bitstream/handle/1813/69933/dung-beetles-FS-NYSIPM.pdf?sequence=2&isAllowed=y>

Modern On Farm Preparedness Webinars

On farm preparedness for a range of situations is an important risk management tool. The [PRO-DAIRY](#) team and Regional Dairy Specialists worked together to host programming focused on preparation. Check out these useful webinars to identify areas for additional preparation on your

farm.

- Social Media, Beth Meyer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=goWFy_svbfl
- Animal Activism, Beth Meyer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nN-ryLDREHc>
- FARM Program, Lindsay Ferlito: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOgiRCxdKow>
- Biosecurity, Melanie Hemenway: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MTSluESfFA>

CFAP Applications Still Accepted – Call Your Local FSA Office Today!

Allegany County: 585-268-5133 · Cattaraugus County: 716-699-2375 · Chautauqua County: 716-664-2351 · Erie County: 716-652-1400 · Steuben County: 607-776-7398

- USDA is providing critical support to our nation's farmers and ranchers through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP). CFAP provides vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities with financial assistance that gives them the ability to absorb sales declines and increased marketing costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. A general program fact sheet is [available here](#). The CFAP application and associated forms are available online at farmers.gov/cfap.
- Farms are now able to apply for the recently announced Corona Virus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) and the long-standing Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funds through their local Farm Service Agency office. Eligible producers could receive up to \$250,000 in direct payments based on their documented production and a national payment rate, with one application and one initial 80% payment. The remaining 20% may be subject to pro-rationing based on demand and USDA budget constraints. These payments will be subject to additional eligibility requirements, so do plan to connect with your local FSA office ASAP. To calculate what type of payment your farm entity might receive, FSA has released their [CFAP Payment Calculator](#).
- Special note for Goat Producers! Notice that goats are not one of the livestock species covered? There was insufficient data to prove a 5% loss of prices nationally, which would trigger payments. [Read this fact sheet](#) on how organizations and producers can submit comments and data to show that a certain commodity DID suffer a 5% loss from the pandemic. The deadline for comments is June 22, 2020.

Black Cutworm and True Armyworm Moth Captures and Weed Pressure in SWNY

This week our Field Crops Specialist, [Josh Putman](#), scouted traps and fields throughout the region for pest problems. In Avoca, NY, both moth species were present having 7 cutworm and 10 armyworm; not much larvae feeding was found. In Springville, NY 3 black cutworm and 3 armyworm were collected; we now have evidence of cutworm feeding on corn plants. According to [Dr. Mike Stanyard](#), of the [NWNYS Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops team](#), it is important to be out scouting your fields now for pest damage and economic threshold that may require management. In addition, with the warm temperatures and increased day length, we are seeing an increase of weed pressure in our field crop production systems. Summer annual weeds compete for sunlight, nutrients and water. Don't let these pests rob your crop yields!

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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 to a bi-weekly service. 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 español)