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2.11.2021 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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Registration for 2021 Virtual Spring Grazing Classes is Open! DEC CREDITS AVAILABLE!

Cornell Cooperative Extension's Southwest New York Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program (SWNYDLFC) will be offering virtual training opportunities on pasture management topics including [weed identification and management](#), [frost seeding](#), [pasture design](#), and [rotational grazing](#). Classes will be held on 4 consecutive Thursday evenings starting on February 25th. All classes will begin at 6:30 pm ET and run for one hour, except for "[Early Season Weed Management](#)" which will run for an hour and a half. There is a \$10 to \$15 registration fee per class. "[Early Season Pasture Weed Management](#)" will provide 1.5 DEC Credits in Categories 1a, 10, and 21. To receive credits, participants will need to have their pesticide license available to show the instructors and be present for the entirety of the live class. For more information, contact Amy Barkley at 716-640-0844 or amb544@cornell.edu.

Dairy Forward Grant Information Webinar – February 24th

[Register here!](#) The Dairy Forward program offers grants of \$500 to \$5,000 that can be used to help NY dairy farm families with planning for the future. These funds are available on a first come, first serve basis. Join Molly Johnston-Heck, Regional Farmland for a New Generation Manager with American Farmland Trust, and Farm Business Management Specialists from Cornell Cooperative Extension for an interactive program overview and Q&A session that will highlight this grant opportunity. For more information and a copy of the application, visit farmland.org/dairy-forward or contact [Katelyn Walley-Stoll](#).

Do you have Alfalfa Snout Beetle on your farm?

-Article written by Dr. Elson Shields, Department of Entomology, Cornell University-

Alfalfa Snout Beetle is a significant problem in Northern NY. When alfalfa snout beetle (ASB) becomes fully established on your farm, its presence cost you \$300-\$600 per cow annually. The higher producing dairies are hit harder than the lower producing dairies because the higher producing dairies are more reliant on their production of high quality alfalfa and grass forage to maintain their high milk production. This is an unbelievable amount of loss caused by ASB and is ignored by many in the northern New York Agribusiness community. ASB damage is frequently missed and stand loss is often blamed on winter kill. It has not been confirmed in SWNY, but if you feel your alfalfa stands are diminishing quickly, it might be time to look deeper. The full article can be found on [Field Crop News](#).

Sick calves never reach their full potential by Carla Wardin

Carla Wardin, a Michigan dairy farmer recently highlighted some key considerations from the CCE Critical Calf Care Series [episode 3](#) for an [article in Hoard's Dairyman](#). Calves and replacement heifers

account for 15% to 20% of milk production costs, which ranks third right after feed and labor costs, making early life care extremely important. Maintaining accurate records for your farm to evaluate is a useful management tool for your farm to make decisions. It should be noted, farms don't need to start from scratch, as there many record keeping templates and options that can be adapted for use. The [full article can be found here](#), or reach out to Alycia Drwencke, Dairy Management Specialist for more information on record keeping and calf care.

Lambing Time Management by Dr. Scott Greiner

Many farms across the Northeast are in the thick of the first main lambing season of the year. [This article](#), by Dr. Scott Greiner of Virginia Tech, shares some management reminders to help ewes and lambs get off to their best start. These tips include making frequent visits to the lambing barn, moving ewes to a jug after lambing, and ensuring lambs are receiving adequate colostrum.

We need your help! Do suspect herbicide resistance on your farm?

Field Crop Specialists from around the state are working closely with Weed Scientist, Dr. Lynn Sosnoskie, to develop a statewide survey. As we prepare this survey, we would like to hear from you regarding certain weed species on your farm. We are particularly interested in horseweed (marestail), waterhemp, and Palmer amaranth. Marestail and Palmer amaranth are present in SWNY and we are suspecting resistance in both of these weed species to commonly used herbicides. If you have any information or details for us, please contact Field Crop Specialist [Josh Putman](#) at 716-490-5572 or jap473@cornell.edu.

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time
Raising Pigs for Market	Feb 16	8-10pm EST
OSU Extension Small Ruminant Webinar Series - Small Ruminant Nutrition	Feb 16	7 pm EST
Starting a Livestock Farm Workshop Series	Feb 24 - March 10	7-8:30pm EST
2021 Spring Pasture Management Classes - Early Season Pasture Weed Management (DEC CREDITS!)	Feb 25	6:30-8pm EST
Pasture Prep: Virtual Ruminations for your 2021 Grazing Program	March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, & April 6th	Noon EST
2021 Spring Pasture Management Classes - All About Frost Seeding	March 4	6:30-8pm EST
Getting Started with Chickens	March 4	6-8pm EST
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Financial & Mental Health Resources for Farmers:

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

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