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2.18.2021 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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Care of Pigs from Farrowing to Weaning, by John Rea

On average, two piglets from every litter are lost during the period from birth to weaning, which has been linked to poor management in the farrowing barn. Fortunately, management can continuously improve to help reduce production losses. This article by John Rea of the University of Missouri delves into the specifics of this most critical period in the life of a pig, starting with preparations for farrowing and ending at weaning.

Planting dicamba-tolerant soybeans in 2021? Options and changes to the pesticide label

-Written by [Mike Hunter](#), Field Crop Specialist with the North Country Regional Ag Team-

Are you planting dicamba-tolerant (Xtend or XtendFlex Technology) soybeans in 2021? If so, one of the tools in the weed control toolbox will be the option to use one of the three registered dicamba herbicides for use on Xtend or XtendFlex soybeans. In October 2020, the EPA approved a five year registration of XtendiMax and Engenia herbicides. It also extended the registration of Tavium herbicide. Xtendimax, Engenia and Tavium are currently the only dicamba products registered for over-the-top use in dicamba-tolerant soybeans in New York State. There are several updates and changes to the New York labels that can be found on the [Cornell Field Crops Blogs](#). If you have questions about soybean production in 2021, contact [Josh Putman](#) at 716-490-5572 or jap473@cornell.edu

Dystocia in Small Ruminants

It's lambing and kidding time for those early season babies. In an ideal world, does and ewes are able to produce a lamb or kid within about 45-60 minutes of beginning active labor without much difficulty. However, it is common for up to 5% have some sort of trouble. Dystocia can be caused by malpresentation of the fetus, which, depending on the severity, can be addressed by a flock or herd caretaker. This article shares some of the common dystocias in small ruminants, their causes, and how to approach aiding a doe or ewe.

2020 Farm Employee Compensation Benchmark

[Cornell's Agricultural Workforce Development Program](#) is working to compile accurate and up-to-date information about employee compensation. This will provide farm owners with data to help evaluate their own compensation packages – and important step to maintain a high quality employee team on your farm! Participating in the [2020 Farm Employee Compensation Benchmark](#) takes only about 10 minutes per employee, is anonymous once aggregated, and is easy to enter. There is no cost to participate and farms that are able to provide at least one entry will receive a compiled report. Contact Katelyn Walley-Stoll with any questions or assistance in completing the survey.

Critical Calf Care Series Recordings and Resources

Did you miss any of the sessions in our [Critical Calf Care series](#)? Not to worry, we have you covered! All of the sessions have been [recorded](#) and [resources](#) are available for you to download. Topics covered included recognizing and diagnosing disease, dystocia and difficult calvings, record keeping and the economics of disease, hydration and electrolytes, scours and nutrition, emergency situations, and an expert panel. Focusing on calf care and these areas will promote the success of your herd. For more information on calf care or the series, reach out to [Alycia Drwencke](#), Dairy Management Specialist.

Reminder – Join in on next week’s FREE webinar

[Register here](#) to learn more about the Dairy Forward program offering grants of \$500 to \$5,000 to help NY Dairy Farms plan for the future. These can be used in conjunction with the [Dairy Advancement Program](#), particularly for business planning! For more information and a copy of either applications, visit farmland.org/dairy-forward or contact [Katelyn Walley-Stoll](#) or [Alycia Drwencke](#).

PRO-DAIRY Reproductive Management Online Course Registration Open

This course will provide students with fundamental knowledge to understand and manage an effective dairy reproductive program. Cornell University faculty and PRO-DAIRY staff will cover key topics, including Anatomy and Physiology, Synchronization Protocols, Breeding Strategies, A.I. Techniques, Monitoring Reproductive Programs, and Heifer Reproduction Management. Two courses are offered, covering the same content. One will be taught exclusively in English and one will be taught exclusively in Spanish. Topics include: Anatomy and Physiology, Synchronization Protocols, Breeding Strategies, A.I. Techniques, Monitoring Reproductive Programs, and Heifer Reproduction Management. Registration is \$265.00 per person. Register by March 1, 2021 and receive a \$25 discount!

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time
<u>Starting a Livestock Farm Workshop Series</u>	Feb 24 - March 10	7-8:30pm EST
<u>2021 Spring Pasture Management Classes - Early Season Pasture Weed Management (DEC CREDITS!)</u>	Feb 25	6:30-8pm EST
<u>Pasture Prep: Virtual Ruminations for your 2021 Grazing Program</u>	March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, & April 6th	Noon EST
<u>2021 Spring Pasture Management Classes - All About Frost Seeding</u>	March 4	6:30-7:30pm EST
<u>Getting Started with Chickens</u>	March 4	6-8pm EST
<u>Virtual Steuben County Crop Symposium 2021</u>	March 9	9:30-Noon EST
<u>2021 Spring Pasture Management Classes - Designing Your Grazing System for 2021 and</u>		

Beyond

March 11

6:30-7:30pm EST

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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/>

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www.farmworkers.cornell.edu

www.trabajadores.cornell.edu (en español)