3.4.2021 Updates from the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

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Opportunity to Replace Missing PTO Shields at a Discount through NYCAMH

PTOs are dangerous and can result in catastrophic injury. Installing a shield is an added barrier of protection between man and machine. A program offered through the New York Center for Agriculture Medicine and Health (NYCAMH) can provide replacement PTO shields at substantially reduced cost. These parts cost between $59 - $83 through the program and can be ordered at https://www.nycamh.org/programs-and-services/pto-shield.php

Could farmers be teaching cows bad habits? by Carla Wardin

Although it might be entertaining to see cows running toward the feedbunk and eagerly start eating, this is also a sign that they're hungry. Unfortunately, they might be so hungry that it's a detriment. "The reason why that can be concerning is that if cows do that too much, they're going to consume too much feed too quickly," said Trevor DeVries, professor and cattle behavior specialist at the University of Guelph. "That can then have a negative impact on the rumen environment." You can read the full article here or reach out to Alycia Drwencke, for more information.

You Can't Manage What You Can't Measure!

Are you participating in the Dairy Farm Business Summary? This FREE and CONFIDENTIAL program is available to all NY Dairy Farmers. You can work with our Farm Business Management Specialist Katelyn Walley-Stoll to analyze your financial situation, set future goals, and make sound financial decisions based on your farm's data. The summary and analysis report you receive includes over 12 financial statements, including ratios at the per cow and per cwt level. Learn more here!

Empire Sheep Producers 2021 Annual Meeting

The Empire Sheep Producers Association 2021 Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday March 15, 2021, beginning at 6 pm. All ESPA members, other sheep producers, and people affiliated with NYS's sheep industry are invited to attend. Speakers include Heather Pearce, Dana Havas, Mike Thonney and tatiana Stanton. The annual business meeting will follow the program.

NYS DOT Regulations for Farm Trucks & Equipment

On Tuesday, March 9th from 12noon to 1:15pm CCE Chautauqua and Chautauqua County Farm Bureau are offering a free webinar via Zoom (with a call in option). The main presenter Trooper Matt Luft of the NYSP Commercial Vehicle Unit covering “commercial motor vehicle”, licensing and registrations, rules of the road, size and weights (permits), and equipment. Registration is required here – contact Lisa Kempisty of CCE-Chautauqua for more information.
Last Chance to Register for the Virtual Steuben County Crop Symposium 2021 – March 9, 2021

Join Field Crops Specialist, Josh Putman, and CCE Steuben’s Agriculture Educator, Ariel Kirk, for a virtual opportunity to obtain DEC recertification credits and learn about new information from the DEC and researchers at Cornell University. **1.0 DEC credits in categories 1d, 22, 24, 25 AND 2.0 credits in categories 1a, 10, 21, 23 have been approved. Register now for this event!**

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