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Online Dairy Feeder School in English and Spanish Scheduled for November 2020

Cornell Cooperative Extension and PRO-DAIRY share best management practices for dairy employees feeding cows

By Alycia Drwencke, Dairy Management Specialist, with the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

NEW YORK (October 13, 2020) – Cornell Cooperative Extension’s Regional Dairy Specialists and Cornell PRO-DAIRY would like to invite dairy producers, employees, and agribusiness professionals across the state to join a webinar focused on management practices for feeding cows and heifers. This virtual learning opportunity will be offered as a two-day event in English on Tuesday, November 3rd and Thursday, November 5th from 1pm – 2:30pm. The same information will be presented in Spanish on Tuesday, November 10th and Thursday, November 12th from 1pm – 2:30pm. Registration is required ahead of time by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/y6bqfjyq>. Thanks to generous sponsors, registration fees have been covered.

This virtual learning opportunity will be presented over ZOOM with demonstrations, videos, presentations, and discussion. Each two-day school will cover the topics of monitoring dry matter content in forages, dealing with the forage bunk face, troubleshooting issues that may arise with the mixer wagon when combining feed, and managing the feed in front of the cows. Following best management practices around handling forages and feeding dairy cows can promote health, productivity, efficiency, and profitability of a herd.

Presenters for the school will include Bill Stone, DVM, with Diamond V, along with CCE regional dairy specialists and members of Cornell PRO-DAIRY. Dr. Stone has helped many dairy farmers feed their herds and will offer his expertise in troubleshooting mixer wagons and answer questions during the discussions.

The cost of registration has been covered thanks to the generous sponsorship of agribusinesses across New York. To become a sponsor and advertise your business to attendees, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/y5g325er>.

For more information about the online dairy feeder school, contact Alycia Drwencke, Dairy Management Specialist, at 517-416-0386 or amd453@cornell.edu, or your local regional specialist. Registration is required ahead of time by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/y6bqfjyq>.

Cornell Cooperative Extension’s Southwest New York Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program specialists are here to help provide research-based resources and support during this challenging time. Their team of four specialists includes Katelyn Walley-Stoll, Farm Business Management (716-640-0522 or kaw249@cornell.edu); Joshua Putman, Field Crops (716-490-5572 or jap472@cornell.edu); Alycia Drwencke, Dairy Management (517-416-0386 or amd453@cornell.edu); and Amy Barkley, Livestock Management (716-640-0844 or amb544@cornell.edu). While specialists are working remotely at this time, they are still offering consultations via phone, text, email, videoconferencing, and mail. They are also providing weekly updates with timely resources and connections via email and hardcopy and virtual programming. For more information, or to be added to their notification list, contact Katelyn Walley-Stoll, Team Leader, at 716-640-0522, kaw249@cornell.edu or visit their website swnydlfc.cornell.edu.

The Southwest New York Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program is the newest Cornell Cooperative Extension regional program and covers Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, and Steuben Counties. The Southwest New York Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops regional specialists work with Cornell faculty and Extension educators to address the issues that influence the agricultural industry in New York by offering educational programming and research based information to agricultural producers, growers, and agribusinesses in the Southwestern New York Region. Cornell Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities and provides equal program and employment opportunities.

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(Photo Caption) Cornell Cooperative Extension Specialists and Cornell PRO-DAIRY present a virtual learning opportunity on managing feed for dairy producers, employees, and agribusinesses in English on November 3rd and 5th and in Spanish on the 10th and 12th.