

Livestock Manager

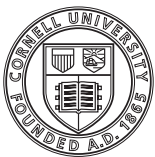
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Introducing New Livestock Educator

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Brian Aukema and I will be the new Livestock Agricultural Educator at Cornell University Cooperative Extension – Broome County. I am new to this position but I am not new to Cornell Cooperative Extension. I have worked with CCE for nearly eight years as the 4-H Animal Science Educator and as Resource Educator for 4-H. I have an associates degree in agricultural business from SUNY Morrisville, a Bachelor's Degree from Cornell University in Animal Science and a Masters degree in Vocational Education from SUNY Oswego. I have lived in Broome County my entire life, having grown up on a Dairy Farm and have been an active member of 4-H here in the county. While being active in 4-H I have raised Meat Turkeys, Market Lambs, Steers, Poultry and Dairy Cattle.

I come to this new position with a lot of enthusiasm about agriculture here in Broome County. We are in the crossroads of the state with our Highway's and with a great location to a large population that is looking for our products. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you in this new career path. If I can help you in anyway please feel free to give me a call at 584-9967.



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HORSES Are they eating right!

On December 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Broome County will be sponsoring a workshop of Forage Quality and pasture management for the Horse Owner. This workshop will be valuable for both beginning and more experienced Horse Owners! Debbie Cherney Ph.D, Associate Professor in Animal Science at Cornell University will be presenting. Topics to be covered are hay quality, what is the best forage crop to feed and why, and what can I do to make my pasture more productive and more nutritious. Pre-registration is required please contact Pat Kane at 584-9966 by December 7th.

First-Aid for Your Flock

On Saturday, December 2nd Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County will be sponsoring a workshop on First-Aid for Your Flock. This workshop is for both beginning and experienced sheep owners to learn how to better care for and handle their animals. Anyone who is thinking of beginning a sheep flock is strongly encouraged to attend. You will learn basic first-aid, how to properly handle a sheep, footcare, how to establish a good working relationship with your Veterinarian, what plants to avoid and so much more. All participants will receive a veterinary notebook, class handouts and a sheep first aid kit. Please wear clean barn clothes and bring something to write with.

When: Saturday, December 2, 2006 *Registration* 8:45 to 9:00 a.m. *Lunch* at noon
On-Farm Work 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Columbus Town Hall 4340 St. Hwy 80 Columbus, NY 13411
On Farm at Bruce and Emily Vermulen, RT 80 Columbus, NY 13411

Cost: Free, sponsored by CREES.

Pre-registration is required by contacting Janet P. from, CCE-Chenango County, (607) 334-5841 ext. 12. To car pool contact Brian J. Aukema, CCE-Broome County at (607)584-9967.

National Animal Identification System (NAIS) Explained

For Dairy and Commercial Livestock Producers

Featuring: Sarah Blood-Szentmiklosy, *NAIS Coordinator* NY State Dept. of Ag & Markets

When: December 18, 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. lunch provided

Where: Aiello's, Jct. Rts. 79 & 26, Whitney Point

Benefits of becoming informed:

- You'll learn the ins and outs of the program without wandering around websites wondering if information is up-to-date
- You can register premises on site.
- Gain a better understanding of the program's associated standards and regulations.
- Most importantly – learn how you will be able to leverage advantages in your management program.

Please RSVP by December 12th contacting Sharon Van Deuson at 607-753-5078 or shv7@cornell.edu

Crop Insurance: Choosing the Right Crop Loss Coverage for You

When: Tuesday, December 19th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Afton Community Center, RT 7 Afton

Crop losses due to flooding and heavy rains have been high this year and points out the need for crop producers to reduce their risk from losses. The Crop Insurance meeting will address the types of insurance and loss coverage that is available to area crop growers regardless of the type of crop you grow. To make the best decision on if and how to insure your crops plan to attend! To register or for more information contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County at (315)866-7920.

Upcoming Events

JANUARY 19-20

FEEDER'S CONFERENCE AND WINTER MANAGEMENT MEETING

This year's New York Beef Producers Association meetings will be held in Syracuse, NY and focus on record keeping for improved performance and profitability. National and local experts along with local producers will discuss what records to keep, how to collect the data and analysis to improve performance of the farm operation. January 19 will focus on records used in the feedlot and January 20 will focus on the cow/calf enterprise.

For program information contact Mike Baker, mjb28@cornell.edu, 607-255-5923. To register contact Connie Kelley, nybpa1@twcnv.rr.com, 315-245-3386.

JANUARY 18-20

2007 NYS FARMERS DIRECT MARKETING CONFERENCE: CONNECTING THE DOTS BETWEEN LOCAL AG, HEALTHY PEOPLE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES.

This years conference will focus on the links between local agriculture and the health and well being of citizens and communities. A strong farm base, providing good food product, cooking demos that offer tips for healthy eating and simple recipes for local seasonal foods to share with your customers, economic health for farmers and communities, environmental health, including community planning and communicating organic principles, healthy children/healthy communities, featuring farm to school initiatives, building healthy farm families, healthy farm-neighbor relations, health and hospitality on the farm, farm collaborative, including Agri-cluster, and farm trails. For more information, contact Diane Eggert at 315-475-1101 or diane99@dreamscape.com or Martha Goodsell at nyfarms@clarityconnect.com.

JANUARY 26-28

NOFA-NY ANNUAL CONFERENCE-BUILDING THE FARM ECONOMY AROUND LOCAL FOODS

The Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary Celebration at this year's conference. The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, Syracuse/Liverpool on January 26-28. This years theme is "Building the Farm Economy Around Local Foods", with three special Keynote Speakers, Joel Salatin, Richard Pirog and Judy Wicks. For more information call (607)652-2290 or visit www.nofany.org.

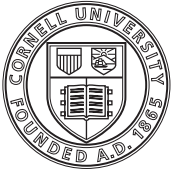
FEBRUARY 28 TO MARCH 2, 2007

NATIONAL GRASS-FED BEEF CONFERENCE THE ART AND SCIENCE OF GRASS-FED BEEF PRODUCTION AND MARKETING

Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey Grantville, Pa. For more information contact Pat Kane (607)584-9966.

MARCH 16-18

FARM DAYS AT THE OAKDALE MALL



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