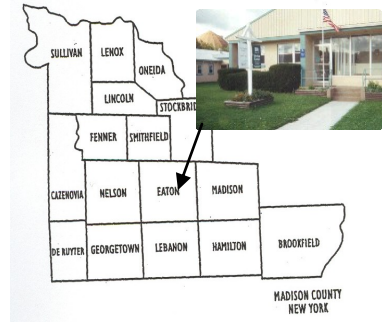
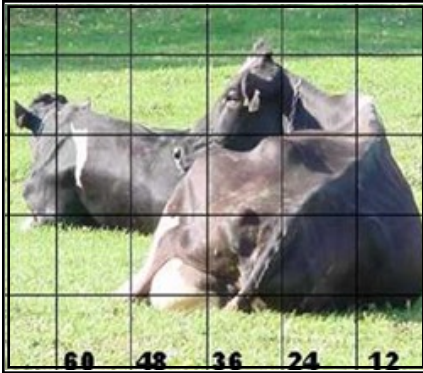


# Madison Manager



July 15, 2011



## Renovating/ Upgrading Tie Stalls for Today's Dairy Cow August 2, 2011 At 1:00pm

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- ♦ Wider stalls lead to lower bulk tank SCC and more milk shipped per cow.
- ♦ Wider stalls allow cows to rest comfortably and spend more time lying down, both important for improved health and production.
- ♦ Ideally, stalls should be sized for the stature of the cow using rump height & hook bone width.

## Census of Agriculture 2012

Your response to the census can have a positive effect on U.S. agriculture at both the local and national levels. You have the power to influence economic development and impact local and national decisions about: competitive market pricing, farm services, transportation and marketing locations, environmental and conservation issues, farming trends, production practices, new and changing technologies, and many other key issues facing agricultural communities.

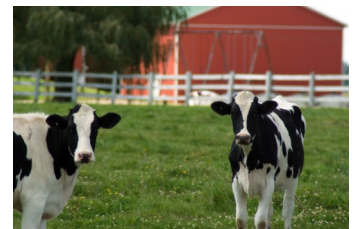
You may not consider yourself a farmer. However, you should respond to the Census even if:

- \* You are a small producer with no sales
- \* Your operation consists of only a few livestock
- \* Total farm income is exclusively from government payments
- \* You have a retirement or residential lifestyle farm.

To ensure that you are signed up for the Census, either call (800) 892-1660 or go online to [www.nass.usda.gov/census](http://www.nass.usda.gov/census). More information is available at [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov).

## Dairy Product Mandatory Reporting Program Public Comments due by August 9th

On June 10, the USDA issued a proposed rule to amend the Dairy Product Mandatory Reporting Program that would, among other things, provide for the establishment of an electronic reporting system for manufacturers to report sales information for specific dairy products. Price data reported are used by USDA to determine minimum class prices for raw milk under the Federal Milk Marketing Order Program. The rule requires the Secretary to publish a report on Wednesday of each week of the information obtained for the previous week and transfers the data collection responsibilities from the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). Public comments must be received by August 9, 2011, and may be filed by visiting [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). For additional information, contact Joe Gaynor at [Joseph.Gaynor@ams.usda](mailto:Joseph.Gaynor@ams.usda).



# Winter Wheat Planting Date

By *Katbe Evans, Community Educator*

There has been some increased interest in wheat this summer. It looks as though there will still be a very good market as production is spotty in the Midwest and the Ukraine although Russia looks to have a very successful season. It is the belief of many economists that the price of wheat will remain at very profitable levels for the foreseeable future. Below is an adapted article provided by Mike Stanyard, NWNy pro-dairy agronomy team.

## When should we start planting winter wheat?

Historically, planting time has been determined by the Hessian fly. However, this fragile fly is all but eliminated by the first frost. Fly-free dates have been established based on feet above sea level and distance south of Lake Ontario. Starting dates can range as early as September 8th at 1200 ft. in Southern Madison County to September 27th at 400 ft. in the northern sections of the county. September 15 is a good starting

date for everyone in our region. If you have any questions I refer you to the 2011 Cornell Guide which publishes the fly-free diagram for the entire state.

## Selecting Seed

Here in NY we have switched from growing predominately white wheat varieties to red wheat. A major reason has been that red varieties will not sprout as quickly in the field. Additionally, there has not been a premium for white wheat to compensate for the extra risks. I also have had more complaints about cheat grass in wheat. In most cases, the grass is coming up right in the row and therefore was probably planted with the wheat seed. Selecting a high quality certified seed variety would eliminate this problem.

Cornell has released the yield results of the 2010 red and white winter wheat trials from across the

region.

## Planting reminders

It is important that soil tests be done now since 10-20 lbs. of N and all of the P and K should be banded or broadcast at planting. The majority of the N (80+ lbs.) will be applied in the spring. Winter wheat also performs best at a higher pH of around 6.3. Seeding rates can vary from 2 to 3 bu/ acre and rates should increase as the season progresses. Seeds should be drilled 1-1.5 inches deep for good emergence.

## Weed Control

Winter annual weeds are the most prevalent weed competitor for our winter wheat. Chickweed, purple dead nettle, shepherds purse, corn chamomile and others in the mustard family emerge right along with the wheat crop in the fall and can really pull down yields. Many producers are spraying with Buctril or Harmony Extra in the fall so they are starting clean in the spring. This is also the best option if you plan to underseed your wheat with clover in the spring.

# Out and About....

By *Katbe Evans, Community Educator*

It always amazes me when I see how resilient our crops are compared to the eons ago when I started my career in Cooperative Extension. There was a time when corn could not go into the ground before the soil temperature reached at least 50°F. Corn varieties are far more able to withstand the vagaries of our growing

season and the many fields of really good corn that one can see around the county prove my point.

...Feed prices look as though they are going to stay high, so when the opportunity to lock in good corn silage or other forage arises, jump on it. There will be corn that originally was to be grain and will not make it so I

think the chances will be around to capitalize to your benefit. If cash flow could be a problem work with your lender sooner rather than later.

...On a lighter note, New York Junior Ayrshire breeders competed in Dairy Bowl Competition and won on the national level at the recent Annual Meeting in Hagerstown, Maryland. Congratulations to all!

# Dairy Princess Visits Madison County Fair

By *Emily Livermore, Madison County Dairy Princess*

Madison County Dairy Princess, Emily Livermore, visited the Madison County Fair on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Emily had a booth in the diner where her mother and grandmother, Nancy and Shirley Livermore sold the courts promotional items and Emily had a booth in the youth fair tent where she played games

with the kids and handed out prizes. Emily talked with the kids and made sure they understood the importance of 3 every day of milk, cheese, and yogurt. Emily also discussed the



life of a farmer and how the farmers take good care of their land, environment, and animals. And to everyone who she did not speak to, Emily would like to remind them all of the importance of making sure they get their dairy every day.

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**August 4 - Innovations in Organic Research Homer C. Thompson Vegetable Research Farm:** 133 Fall Creek Rd., Freeville, NY 13068 (Tompkins Co.) 4:00pm – 7:00pm. Join NOFA-NY and Cornell University for a look at some of the exciting research happening in organic cropping systems. Topics that will be covered include organic variety trials in 6 vegetable crops that have been bred for late blight, downy mildew, and cucumber beetle resistance. Soil health impact of cover crops (buckwheat and sudangrass) will be discussed. Organic potato management trials will be examined, as will a reduced tillage cover cropping system for broccoli production.

**August 6 - Second Annual Northeast USA Rice Conference,** Akaogi Farm, Westminster West, Vermont

**August 9-11 Empire farm Days,** Lott Bros, Seneca Falls, NY

**August 12-14 - 37th NOFA Summer Conference with Northeast Animal-Power Field Days UMass Amherst**

**August 24 - Northeast Buckwheat Field Day,** USDA-NRCS Plant Materials Center, 3266-A State Route 352, Corning, NY 14830 (Steuben Co.) 1:00 - 3:30pm

**August 25- Sept 5 - NY State Fair,** Syracuse, NY

**August 25-28 - Cornell Maple Camp** – The Cornell Maple Program announces a unique opportunity for maple producers to acquire hands-on experience to increase their production, profitability and efficiency. In the sugarbush, participants will learn how to measure and select trees, how to evaluate, plan and install a tubing system, and how to evaluate vacuum and bucket systems for efficiency. In the sugar house participants will learn about sap storage, reverse osmosis, evaporator operations, and syrup filtering, storage and grading. Further, participants learn to understand the principles of marketing syrup and value added products, making value-added products, and evaluating and managing their business enterprise. The Cornell Maple Camp will begin late afternoon on August 25 and conclude at noon on August 28 and be held at the Arnot Forest. Registration information is available by going to [www.CornellMaple.info](http://www.CornellMaple.info) and selecting Cornell Maple Camp. Registration including all meals (Thursday supper through Sunday lunch) and handouts are \$90 per person. Cabins at the Arnot Forest will be available for rent at \$90 per person for the complete stay (Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights) or information on local hotels can be provided. This training is sponsored by the Cornell Maple Program and the New York State Farm Viability Institute.

**August 27 - Fall Harvest Fest & Harvester Showcase,** 11-4pm at the Foothills Hops Farm, 5024 Bear Path Rd., (Route 46), Munnsville, NY. To register for this event contact: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County at (315) 684-3001 x 125, Lindsey McDonnell or email her at [lm523@cornell.edu](mailto:lm523@cornell.edu)

**September 16-17 - Madison County Hops Fest,** 435 Main Street, Oneida. For more information check out the web site: [www.mchs1900.org/hopfest/](http://www.mchs1900.org/hopfest/). To register for this event contact: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County at (315) 684-3001 x 125, Lindsey McDonnell or email her at [lm523@cornell.edu](mailto:lm523@cornell.edu)

**September 29 & 30 - Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance 11th Annual Field Days & Annual meeting.** NODPA's meeting will be held at the Cooperstown Beaver Valley Cabins and Campsites, Milford, New York. This two day event will highlight the internal and external opportunities and challenges for producers as demand for organic dairy products is on the rise and supply remains static.

**October 12 - Southern Tier Commercial Berry Growers Workshop** – This program is for both experienced growers as well as potential new growers. This full day program will include how to get started with berry crops; berry varieties for our area; extending the season for berry production; and how to manage pests in your berry crops. DEC credits have been approved for categories 1a, 10, & 22 (3 credits). **Presenters include:** Dr. Marvin Pritts, Chair of Horticulture, Cathy Heidenreich, CU Berry Extension Support Specialist, Dr. Kerik Cox, Plant Pathology/Microbe-Biology, Dr. Greg Loeb, Entomology, Dr. Courtney Weber, Professor of Horticulture. Registration fee is \$25 (includes lunch) and registration is due by October 3 and is non-refundable. To sign up or for more details, contact Colleen Cavagna of CCE-Allegany/Cattaraugus County at 585-268-7644 ext. 12 or [cc746@cornell.edu](mailto:cc746@cornell.edu). The workshop will be held at the Belfast Town Hall in Belfast NY.

**November 4<sup>th</sup> 2011 Organic Dairy and Field Crop Conference,** Crowne Plaza in Syracuse, NY.

**November 5 - Fall Hops Conference & Annual NeHA Meeting.** From 8am-5pm at the Brown's Brewing Co., Revolution Room 417 River Street, Troy, NY. To register for this event contact: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County at (315) 684-3001 x 125, Lindsey McDonnell or email her at [lm523@cornell.edu](mailto:lm523@cornell.edu)



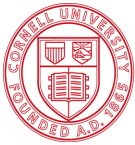
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