

## Spring Renewal

By Julie Berry



Winters in the Northeast can feel long, and the first long days of sunshine, the smell of rain and new life sprouting in the fields can help lift spirits. This spring also brings a new partnership for PRO-DAIRY, with the publication of *The Manager* by *Progressive Dairyman*. We look forward to what grows.

Cornell CALS PRO-DAIRY is celebrating 30 years of enhancing New York's dairy industry through education and applied research. This issue brings that research and education to your mailbox, with tools to make more informed decisions that may impact your business for seasons to come.

Corn silage hybrid testing was renewed at Cornell with the hire of Joe Lawrence, PRO-DAIRY Forage System Specialist. Regional partnerships across Northeast universities that conduct these trials is yielding more data across more growing conditions, and with more consistent reporting of results, which should make this even more meaningful to your farm.

Lawrence also reports on optimizing harvest schedules to optimize feed quality and offers strategies for forage storage, with the aim to maximize milk production.

New research, led by Jerry Cherney, Cornell University Soil and Crop Sciences Professor, identifies how the percent of grass in alfalfa mixtures planted can impact forage yield and forage quality.

The Cornell Nutrient Management Spear Program provides insight on corn silage monitors, both on why to use them, and how to use the data provided by them.

Growth requires the right nutrients applied at the right time. Peter Wright, an Agricultural Engineer with PRO-DAIRY, walks through considerations for new manure storage.

With best wishes to your family and farm this growing season. ■

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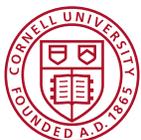
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