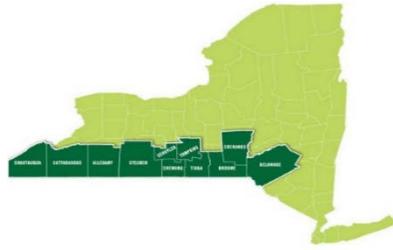




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Using underutilized grasslands to improve the economic viability of the Southern Tier while providing viable careers for beginning farmers

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Stocker Short Course. In a special session, Dr. Peel of Oklahoma State was brought back to further explain and give more details for forecasting of profit/(loss) as it pertains to weight gain in the stockers. Several fall participants accepted the offer for a one-on-one farm visit from Dr. Baker for individualized consultation pertaining to their specific enterprise. Outreach to several veterinarian facilities to host a necropsy demonstration for the first sessions began and is on-going. The spring course will begin in April; 3 of the 4 necropsy sites thus far have been identified: Large Animal Teaching Facility (LATF), State University of New York, Delhi, NY 13753, April 14 (time TBD); Howard G Sacket Technical Center, 5836 State Route 12, Glenfield, NY 13343, April 18 at 6:30pm; Alfred State College Farm, 1254 State Route 244 Alfred, NY 14802, April 21 at 10:00am; and St Lawrence County – (location, date and time TBD).

Testimonial from a participant in the Stocker Short Course:

“Hi Mike,

I just wanted to say congrats on not only today’s class but the previous 3 as well. I think every speaker throughout was informative and overall the 4 sessions were well planned and were excellent. Thank you again for paying my way and if I can do anything in the future to help this process let me know. LinRae’s presentation was wonderful, I smiled throughout the whole thing and Winnie and Richard’s were great too. I really appreciated Brenda Paul this morning also- just amazing what some folks have done. Joe Eisele, Northern Limits Farm, Canton, NY:



Mike and Margaret McFarland, Cantontop Farm.
Receipt of first stocker cattle to their farm in Corning.

USDA Market News Reports. In the last quarter price and animal data were collected at 70 weekly auctions and 28 special auctions (<https://www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/livestock-poultry-and-grain-list-reports>), by Cornell/NYS/USDA Market News reporters. Of special interest, recently is the premium that dairy x beef calves have been bringing. According to reporters Kerri Bartlett and Sam Vanstrom, premiums have been \$50 - \$100/head and this has remained consistent throughout the year. While this data is not currently being reported separately, we are in the process of setting that up. This will be important information to have as dairy producers look at adding an additional income stream to their operations.

Research. Unfortunately, the search for a graduate student to evaluate barriers to the stocker industry in NYS has not been successful. As an alternative, our project manager, Audia Denton and I will be conducting the research. She has developed a survey to go out to surrounding states to begin the process.

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