



MONTGOMERY/SCHOHARIE COUNTY SOIL
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Informational Meetings on OSHA Inspection Program for Dairy Farms

In 2014, New York dairy farms will be the focus of a targeted inspection program called Local Emphasis Program (LEP) by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). To prepare dairy farmers for this LEP, NY OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist Ron Williams will discuss OSHA's regulatory expectations for dairy farms on **Monday, December 16th from 10 am – 1 pm** at the Iroquois Lane's Banquet Hall located at 192 Erie Boulevard Canajoharie, NY 13317.

This same topic will be covered **via a rebroadcast webinar on Thursday, December 19th from 9:30 am – 11:45 am** at the 4-H Training Center, 566 Middle Line Rd., Ballston Spa, NY 12020 and again on **Thursday, January 9th at 12:30 pm - 2:45 pm** at the CCE Chenango County office in Norwich, 99 N. Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815. An OSHA staff person will be available by phone at the conclusion to answer questions.

OSHA can inspect certain businesses based on four priorities:

- 1) Imminent danger
- 2) Catastrophes and fatal accidents
- 3) Complaints and referrals
- 4) Programmed inspections

Who is eligible for OSHA inspection under this targeted inspection program in 2014? Farms that meet the following requirement are subject to OSHA inspection and should prepare or educate themselves now on farm safety requirements:

- Farms who have had more than 10 employees, not including immediate family members, at any time in the past 12 months preceding the day an inspector shows up (a part-time employee counts as "1"); and/or
- Farms who have provided housing to temporary labor (employees hired for a specific period of time and are not full-time, permanent staff) at any time in the past 12 months preceding the day an inspector shows up, even if the housing was only for just one person. There are several tests for this provision and producers should evaluate further.

Farms that do not fall into the above two categories are not subject to the LEP. However, you should be aware that **all** businesses (including farms) can be inspected by OSHA based on the four priorities listed above. All farms are encouraged to attend one of these meeting to become informed and aware of OSHA inspections.

To register for meeting in Canajoharie on December 16th please contact the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District at (518) 853-4015 by December 13th.

To register for the rebroadcast webinars in Ballston Spa or Norwich, call the Cornell Cooperative Extension office in Herkimer at (315) 866-7920. Please respond by December 13th for the webinar on December 19th; January 6th for the webinar on January 9th.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Feb 11 – Corn Day, Cooperstown
Feb 20 – Calif Health & Nutrition Meeting, Oneonta
March 11 - Central NY Dairy Day, Cooperstown

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