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## **Trends: Reaching out to Veterans by training them in Agricultural Pursuits**

Welcoming Veterans back from active duty and getting them productively involved in the community, Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) offers a number of sponsored training opportunities. The Farm OPS program reaches out to Veterans to encourage them to seek agricultural pursuits (including dairying)!

The Cornell Small Farms Program also offers scholarships to military veterans who are residents of New York State for on-line courses (contact Erica at ejf5@cornell.edu for details). Other programs and job opportunities within an agricultural context are available nation-wide for veterans, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Visit [wdt.usdajobs](http://wdt.usdajobs) for additional information.

Truly a WIN-WIN situation, able-bodied men and women are introduced to active, outdoor activities that keep our farms local, productive, healthy and well managed! Talk about beating swords into plow shares!

## **Tips: Using real-time data as an effective management tool (from farm to table)**

Gaining a good perspective of critical points on a real-time basis gives everyone throughout the dairy supply chain an opportunity to more effectively and efficiently manage their day to day responsibilities. The key is to be able to see data which is meaningful and timely. That way you can be more pro-active (and productive) in making your management decisions!

The LactiCheck Milk Composition Analyzer provides a complete profile of fat, solids, lactose, protein in just seconds! This information is critical to farmers when considering herd health and feed management. It is also important to Dairy Processors for everything from payment to labeling and value-added process control. The LactiLog Data Recording/Reporting Software automatically encrypts and saves this data, making it readily accessible and allowing full transparency (if desired). Both systems are robust, reliable and affordable!

Veterans programs for Agriculture training in NY, see the link:

<https://smallfarms.cornell.edu/2018/11/in-the-news-farm-ops-featured-this-veterans-day/>