



February was all about the birds and the blooms for experts at CALS. The Great Backyard Bird Count reached record numbers, seagrass research grabbed international attention, and we helped the world treasure their Valentine's Day flowers.

Food & Energy Systems



Bloomberg: "China's Massive Farming Potential Could Be Unlocked by Mortgages"
02.20.2017

Calum Turvey, Dyson School, explains that farmers start more businesses when they have access to credit, but that the government has made the process difficult, if not impossible.

Finger Lakes Times: "Historic Week for Ag, Food Safety"
02.09.2017

Former Senator Nozzolio hails the installation of the new HPP machine as well as the newly-established Institute for Food Safety in this op-ed.

WENY News: "Exploring Hemp at Cornell University"
02.01.2017

Donald Viands, School of Integrative Plant Science (SIPS), discusses his research on industrial hemp and its implications as a crop for New York state.

WENY News: "Governor Cuomo Announces Budget Highlights for the Southern Tier"
02.08.2017

The Governor's highlights include CALS, which will be hosting the first-ever Industrial Hemp Summit, anticipated to draw manufacturers, farmers, researchers, and others.

Social Sciences



Associated Press: "20th Annual Backyard Bird Count Is Happening Feb. 17-20"
02.06.2017

The Lab of Ornithology celebrates a milestone year with their annual Great Backyard Bird Count, tallying a record 6,000 species from 200,000 users worldwide.

Forbes: "Study: Tall Teens Become More Confident Investors"
02.28.2017

Jawad Addoum, Dyson School, explains that greater height affects investments in stocks.

The Christian Science Monitor: "Scientists Need You to Help Make a Solar Eclipse Movie"
02.21.2017

Bruce Lewenstein, communication, discusses how data gathered by citizen scientists ought to be incorporated ethically into studies.

Financial Times: "Wanted: Dietary Research Apps to Beat Dementia and Make Us Smarter"
02.01.2017

David Just, Dyson School, suggests middle school children could use apps that direct them toward foods that improve brain function and help behavioral issues.

Life Sciences



CNN: "Are 'Food Comas' Real or a Figment of Your Digestion?"
02.03.2017

David Levitsky, nutritional sciences, advises that so-called food comas are the result of blood circulation, explaining that bigger meals have a more potent effect.

NPR: "This Heatless Habanero Packs All of the Flavor with None of the Burn"
02.13.2017

Michael Mazourek, SIPS, is highlighted for his work on this heatless pepper made tasty by cross-pollinating with the habanero. Also in Food & Wine.

Business Insider: "Maple Syrup Water Tapped from Trees Is the Next Coconut Water"
02.28.2017

Michael Farrell, natural resources, describes the maple syrup process and explains that to work against climate change, the industry could move up harvest time and relocate to mid-Atlantic states.

Food and Wine Magazine: "Salmonella Food Poisoning May Permanently Damage Your DNA"
02.22.2017

Martin Wiedmann and Rachel Miller, food science, are profiled for their work on how certain strains of salmonella can have long-term effects.

Environmental Sciences



BBC News: "'Seagrasses' Vital to Coastal Health"
02.16.2017

Drew Harvell and Joleah Lamb, ecology and evolutionary biology, discuss how seagrasses suppress pollution and improve coral reefs. Also in Financial Times, Nature, The New York Times, Smithsonian Magazine, and elsewhere.

The New York Times: "Downside of Being a Global Hub: Invasive Species"
02.08.2017

Bernd Blossey, natural resources, is highlighted for his work on invasive Chinese beetles.

The New York Times: "How to Keep the Bloom on That Valentine Rose"
02.14.2017

Chris Wien, SIPS professor emeritus, suggests thoroughly washing the flower vase, since there could be bacteria left over from previous displays that will cause blooms to wilt sooner.

The Hill: "Protecting the Environment Is Our Best Wall of Defense"
02.07.2017

Amanda Rodewald, natural resources, writes in this op-ed that the U.S. cannot ignore its role in creating environmental problems that force people from their homelands.