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New York has confirmed its first tar spot case of the growing season, while a new fungicide-decision app offers free access or an \$8 pro tier. The available updates also flag a potential Ontario cattle-sector impact from a Pennsylvania processing-plant closure, but provide limited price and operational detail.

Market Movers

No quoted commodity-price changes were included in the available updates. A market-relevant livestock development is the reported closure of JBS's Pennsylvania beef processing plant, which a cited report says could affect Ontario cattle producers; the source provides no timing, volume, or price-impact estimate. [1]

Innovation Spotlight

Fungicide-decision software

A fourth-generation farmer and college student introduced **Veldant.com**, a web application intended to support fungicide decisions and improve yield and ROI. The product offers free registration and an **\$8** pro version. [2]

The post does not provide field-trial results, yield changes, or ROI calculations, so its performance cannot be assessed from the available information.

Regional Developments

United States — New York

New York confirmed its **first tar spot case of the growing season** this week. The update also points readers to the state's latest corn progress and condition

reports, although the extracted material does not include the underlying figures. [3]

United States/Canada — cattle processing

The reported Pennsylvania JBS plant closure has potential implications across the border for Ontario cattle producers. No further details on the affected supply chain were provided. [1]

Best Practices

The available material identifies two crop-management subjects but does not provide application thresholds or step-by-step protocols:

- **Potassium:** An Ag PhD update raises the question of how much potassium is too much, without stating a rate, soil-test benchmark, or crop-specific limit. [4]
- **Pre-harvest crop management:** Another update highlights a distinction between pre-harvest burndown and desiccation, but the extracted content does not explain the techniques or their respective use cases. [5]

Input Markets

Potassium is the only fertilizer input explicitly raised in the source set. No potassium pricing, supply availability, recommended application rate, or regional market trend was included. [4]

Forward Outlook

Near-term planning attention is centered on disease and decision support rather than quantified market signals:

1. **New York corn:** Tar spot is now a confirmed in-season issue in the state. [3]
2. **Fungicide decisions:** Veldant presents a low-cost digital option for evaluating fungicide decisions, though independent performance metrics were not supplied. [2]
3. **Ontario cattle sector:** The potential effects of the Pennsylvania processing-plant closure remain an item to follow; the available report does not quantify the exposure. [1]

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