Eighth Annual MAC Regional Dairy Extension In-service Training Program
Woodlands Inn and Resort
Wilkes-Barre, PA
May 23-25, 2006

Putting Knowledge to Work for More Profit in Critical Areas: Mastitis Control, Reproduction, Organic Production, and Internal Herd Growth

Tuesday, May 23, 2006
Session I: Mastitis Control
1:00 – 1:10pm Welcome – Mike O’Connor, Pennsylvania State University, University Park

1:10 – 2:00pm Implementing Mastitis Control Programs on Dairy Farms
Pam Ruegg, University of Wisconsin, Madison

2:00 – 2:40pm Mastitis Vaccines
Ron Ernskine, Michigan State University, East Lansing

2:40 – 3:00pm BREAK

3:00 – 5:00pm On-Farm Evaluation of Mastitis Control
Dave Wolfgang, Bhushan Jayarao, Ernest Hovingh
Pennsylvania State University, University Park

5:00pm ADJOURN – Dinner on Your Own

Wednesday, May 24, 2006
Session II: Organic Dairying and Reproductive Management

8:00 – 8:40am Farm Structure, Milk Quality and Mastitis Control on Organic Dairy Farms
Pam Ruegg, University of Wisconsin, Madison

8:40 – 9:20am Evidence for Efficacy of Udder Health Therapies in Organic Dairies
Linda Garrison-Tifosky, NY Milk Quality Services, Cornell University

9:20 – 10:00am Economics for Successful Transitioning to Organic Dairying
Jeff Hyde, Pennsylvania State University, University Park

10:00 – 10:20am BREAK

10:20 – 11:00am Sexed Semen
Chad Dechow, Pennsylvania State University, University Park

11:00 – 11:40am Re Promon
Jim Ferguson, University of Pennsylvania

11:40 – 12:00pm Sponsor Spotlight

12:00 – 1:00pm LUNCH
1:00 – 2:30pm  Re Promon
Participants break into teams to evaluate case study herd

2:30 – 3:00pm  Re Promon Reports from Individual Teams

3:00 – 3:20pm  BREAK

3:20 – 5:00pm  Organic Dairying Panel Discussion
Moderator: Rick Kersbergen, University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Waldo County
Producer Panel: Dave Johnson

5:00 – 6:00pm  ADJOURN - Social Hour and Cash Bar

6:00 – 7:00pm  DINNER

**SESSION III: Innovative Extension Programs**
7:00 – 9:00pm  Innovative Extension Programs
Mike O’Connor, Pennsylvania State University, University Park

**Thursday, May 25, 2006**

**SESSION IV: Internal Herd Growth**
8:00 – 10:00am  Internal Herd Growth
Jason Karszes – Economics
Bill Stone – Herd Management
John Conway – Case Study Farms
Frans Vokey – Spreadsheet Demonstration and Sensitivity Analysis

10:00 – 10:20am  BREAK

10:20 – 12:00pm  Continue Internal Herd Growth

12:00pm  ADJOURN – Fill Out Evaluations