10th Annual MAC Regional Dairy Extension In-service Training Program
Woodlands Inn and Resort
Wilkes-Barre, PA
May 28-30, 2008

The New Realities of Dairying in the 2000’s: Risk Management, Herd Health, Public Image, Silage Production, Communications Technology, Breeding Programs and Reproductive Management

Registration: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Dave Marcinkowski, University of Maine, Orono

Wednesday, May 28, 2008
Session I: Dairy Business Management
Session Chair – Gary Anderson, University of Maine
1:00 – 1:10pm Welcome – Bob Peters, University of Maryland, College Park
1:10 – 2:00pm Improving the Viability of Dairying in the Northeast
Dennis Wolff, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Harrisburg
2:00 – 2:40pm Navigating the Legal Issues of Immigrant Labor
Tom Maloney, Cornell University, Ithaca
2:40 – 3:00 Q. & A.
3:00 – 3:20pm BREAK
3:20 – 4:00pm Managing the Risks of Feed Costs
Andrew Dugan, I.L. Richer Company, Inc., Sangerfield, NY
4:00 – 4:50pm Managing Milk Prices
Bob Wellington, Agri-Mark Dairy Cooperative, Lawrence, MA
4:50 – 5:10pm Q. & A.
5:10 – 5:30pm Sponsor Spotlight

Thursday, May 29, 2008
Session II: Segways for Reviewing Herd Health
Session Chair – Sheila Andrew, University of Connecticut
6:30 – 8:00a.m. Complimentary breakfast – Main Dining Room
8:00 – 8:40 a.m. AMDUCAand Antibiotic Use on the Farm: It’s not just for veterinarians
Ernest Hovingh, Pennsylvania State University, University Park
8:40 – 9:20 a.m. Dairy Beef Quality Assurance Programs: Gaining producer compliance through Extension programs
Dave Wolfgang, Pennsylvania State University, University Park
9:20 – 10:00 a.m.  Helping Herd Health Work on the Farm  
Bob Van Saun, Pennsylvania State University, University Park

10:00 – 10:20 a.m.  Break

10:20 – 11:45 a.m.  Media 101  
Beth Meyer, Public Relations Specialist, American Dairy Association, Syracuse, NY

11:45- 12:00  Sponsor Spotlight

12:00 – 1:00pm  LUNCH

Session III:  Practical Bunk Side Silage Evaluation
Session Chair – Julie Smith, University of Vermont, Burlington

1:00 – 1:45pm  Physically Effective Fiber  
Kurt Cotanch, Miner Institute, Chazy, NY

1:45 – 2:30 pm  Forage Quality from Stem to Silo  
Ev Thomas, Miner Institute, Chazy, NY

2:30 – 2:50 pm  Break

2:50 – 4:20pm  Bob Van Saun and Larry Chase, Coordinating Hands-on Workshop. Each session will take 30 minutes and run concurrently 3 times.

Demonstration 1:  Use, Application, and Interpretation of the Z-box for Particle Separation and peNDF Determination.  
Kurt Contanch, Miner Institute, Chazy, NY

Demonstration 2:  Uses, Applications, and Interpretations of the Penn State Particle Separator.  
Bob Van Saun, Pennsylvania State University, University Park  
Larry Chase, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Demonstration 3:  Evaluating silage pH, Temperature, Odor, Colors, and Determining What They Mean.  
Jud Heinrichs, Pennsylvania State University, University Park

4:20- 4:50 pm  Panel discussion:  How to Deliver Quality Silage Evaluations Programs.  
Kurt Contanch, Ev Thomas, Bob Van Saun, Larry Chase, and Jud Heinrichs

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

6:00 – 7:00pm  DINNER
SESSION IV: New Communication/Technology Transfer Tools
Session Chair – Dianne Shoemaker, Ohio State University
7:00 – 8:00 pm  
   E-Technology  
   John Dorner, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, Hendersonville
8:00 – 8:30 pm  
   DAIReXNET  
   Mark Varner, University of Maryland, College Park

Friday, May 30, 2008
SESSION V: Reproduction
Session Chair – Mike O’Connor, Pennsylvania State University, University Park
8:00 – 8:50 am  
   Genetic Selection of Fertility, Reality or Fiction: Marker Assisted Selection, Lethal Genes, Crossbreeding, Daughter Pregnancy Rate and Inbreeding Status  
   Chad Dechow, Pennsylvania State University, University Park
8:50 – 9:40 am  
   Nutritional Concepts Important to the Reproductive Performance of Dairy Cattle  
   Matt Lucy, University of Missouri, Columbia
9:40 – 10:00 am  
   Q. & A.

10:20–10:40 am  
   Break
10:40 – 11:50 am  
   Use of Case Studies to Benchmark Reproductive Management  
   Mark Thomas, DVM – Countryside Veterinary Clinic, Lowville, NY

11:50 am – Noon  
   Fill Out Evaluations and Adjourn

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