

Dairy Road Show offers farmers a competitive edge

The University of Wisconsin-Extension Dairy Road Show Team will again visit Barron County in 2008. This year's Road Show entitled "Gaining the Competitive Edge - A Dairy Seminar Series" will be offered on January 15th at the UW-Barron County Campus in Rice Lake.

The program topics will be:

- "Dairy Crossbreeding Updates," covering dairy crossbreeding results from University studies and commercial farms by Dr. Kent Weigel, UW-Extension geneticist.
- "Evaluation of Milking Performance in Wisconsin," a review of teat condition, liners, vacuum levels and other milk management issues by Dr. Doug Reinemann, UW-Extension Milking Equipment/Electrical Specialist.
- "Wisconsin Johne's Control Program," an interactive session about Johnes and the State program available to combat the costly disease by Dr. Andrea Foley, from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection.
- "Dairy Nutrition Using Bio-Energy Byproduct Feeds," focusing on feeding byproducts generated by the ethanol and bio-diesel industries to lactating dairy cows by Dr. Randy Shaver, UW-Extension dairy nutrition specialist.

The workshop will run from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee for the program, which includes lunch and materials, is \$25 per person. Paid registrations received at the Barron County UW-Extension Office by January 8th receive a \$5 discount. Registrations materials have been mailed to Barron County dairy producers. If you did not receive registration materials for the Dairy Road Show, contact Tim Jergenson at 537-6250.