

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Milking Systems Seminar Planned**

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The 2004 Milking Systems Seminar is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at the Starlite Club in Kaukauna from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This program will address issues related to milk quality and mastitis.

Topics for the seminar include, "Effectively Using Udder Hygiene and Teat End Scores" by Dan Schreiner, Brown County UW-Extension Agriculture Agent; "Using On-farm Culturing Systems in Your Mastitis Control Program" by Dr. Joel Franks, Dairyland Veterinary Service – Casco, Wisconsin; "Mycoplasma Mastitis: What We Have Learned in Wisconsin" by Dr. Chet Thomas, University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine; and "New Approaches in Mastitis Treatment" by Dr. Doug Braun, Senior Veterinarian – Pfizer Animal Health.

This seminar, sponsored by the UW-Extension Northeast District Dairy Team, will offer dairy producers and consultants the opportunity share ideas and experiences with other top dairy managers. Take this opportunity to learn what university specialists, industry representatives and other producers are doing to improve milk quality. Registration fee is \$25 per person and the deadline is October 20. The fee includes registration, lunch and seminar materials. Brochures are available from Northeast Wisconsin Extension Offices or send name and payment to Zen Miller, Outagamie County UWEX, 3365 Brewster Street, Appleton WI 54914.

For more information on the seminar, please contact Jennifer Keuning, Kewaunee County UW-Extension Agriculture Agent at 920-388-7138 or Zen Miller, Outagamie County UW-Extension Dairy Agent at 920-832-5119.

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### **Midwest Dairy Herd Health Conference November 10-11 at Eau Claire**

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The 2004 Midwest Dairy Herd Health Conference will be held November 10-11, 2004, at the Plaza Hotel & Suites in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The goal of this conference is to provide current, research-based information to dairy producers and professionals that work with them," stated Matt Jorgensen, Clark County UW-Extension dairy and livestock agent. "Producers will gain practical knowledge from the best of university research and the information presented at the conference can be utilized the same day to help producers be more profitable and efficient.

Speakers will discuss issues such as on-farm pasteurization, custom calf rearing, vaccination programs, BST effects on reproduction, hemorrhagic bowel syndrome, animal handling, benchmarking high-producing herds, the role of fatty acids in reproduction, animal welfare audits, and costs associated with a bedded pack and hygiene of housing systems.

Organizers also plan two producer panels; one will discuss bedding issues and the other will review vaccination, animal handling and bunk management. An optional tour is planned for the 5-Star Dairy operated by the Jansen families. The farm's manure digester is one of the tour's featured management innovations.

Conference speakers are university and industry experts on dairy-animal health, including Bob Kaiser, UW-Extension; Dr. Dave Rhoda, Evansville Vet Clinic; Dr. Gary Neubauer, Pfizer; Matt Jorgensen, UW-Extension; Dr. Bill Thatcher, University of Florida; Dr. Dick Wallace, University of Illinois; Dr. Paul Rapnicki, University of Minnesota; Dr. Dave Kammel, UW-Madison; and Dr. Larry Baumann, UW-River Falls.

The registration deadline is November 3. The registration fee for the two-day conference, all materials, breaks, lunch, reception and breakfast is \$150. The fee for both the conference and optional tour is \$165. Late registration or on-site registration will be slightly more. Make checks payable to UW-Madison and mail or fax registration to CALS Conference Services, 620 Babcock Drive, Madison, WI 53706, or fax to (608) 262-7829. For additional registration information, please call Paul Fricke at (608) 263-1672.

These rates do not include accommodations. Participants should arrange accommodations directly with the Plaza Hotel & Suites by calling (715) 834-3181 or (800) 482-7829. Mention the Dairy Herd Health Conference to receive the special group rate.

The University of Wisconsin-Extension Dairy Team and the UW-Madison Department of Dairy Science, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the UW-Madison, sponsor and help coordinate the conference. In addition, this year's gold sponsors for the conference are Hoard's Dairyman, Pfizer Animal Health, the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, and Alltech, Inc.-West. Silver sponsors are Arm & Hammer Animal Nutrition Group, Fort Dodge Animal Health, Monsanto Dairy, Varied Industries Corporation, West Central Soy, and Diamond V Mills, Inc. Bronze sponsors are Balchem Corp, Biomune, Elanco, Merial Ltd., and VDX, LLC.

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