

NEWS RELEASE

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Four-State Dairy Management Seminar Scheduled

A four-state Extension dairy seminar in February will bring dairy producers, feed industry personnel and agribusiness professionals from Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin together to discuss dairy feeding and management practices to maximize profitability.

Speakers will include Geoff Dahl, University of Illinois Dairy Extension Specialist; Les Hansen, University of Minnesota Dairy Scientist; Pat Hoffman - University of Wisconsin Dairy Scientist; and Lee Kilmer, Iowa State University Dairy Extension Specialist.

Program topics include:

- Choices for milking frequency: What's right for my farm
- Quality control systems in dairy heifer replacement management
- Evaluating the role of distillers grain in dairy rations
- Crossbreeding: Why the interest? What to expect
- Animal identification – Update for dairy producers
- Efficacy of on-farm pasteurizers
- Feeding straw to lactating dairy cows

The seminar is scheduled for: Wednesday, February 23, 2005 at the Starlite Club, Highway 55 and County Trk JJ, Kaukauna, Wisconsin. The program runs from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. A registration fee of \$35 includes lunch. Each additional registrant from the same farm will pay \$25. Payment must accompany pre-registration on or before February 9. The late registration fee is \$45 at the door.

For more information contact your County UW-Extension office. Make checks payable to UW-Extension and send to UW-Extension, Attn: Zen Miller, 3365 W. Brewster Street, Appleton, WI 54914. Program and registration details are also available on the Manitowoc County UW-Extension website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/manitowoc/ag/index.html>.

Raising Quality Dairy Heifers Seminar Scheduled

The 2005 Raising Quality Dairy Heifers Seminar is scheduled for February 9 & 10, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Fond du Lac Campus, Fond du Lac, Wis and Comfort Suites-Rock Garden, Green Bay, Wis, respectively.

The goal of this program is to provide current, research-based information to dairy producers and heifer growers. Significant amounts of time and cost are involved in raising dairy replacements to the age of calving, 22 to 24 months. Producers will benefit from this year's scheduled speakers and be able to utilize the information gained the same day to increase profits and efficiencies.

This year's speakers will discuss issues such as optimizing reproductive strategies, cost and efficiencies of reproductive synchronization protocols, quality control systems for waste milk pasteurizers, developing a Holstein steer enterprise budget, and an overview of the operational systems at the UW custom heifer raising facility. All these topics will be presented by UW staff and specialists. They include Tom Drendel, UW-Marshfield; Dr. Paul Fricke, UW-Madison; Dr. Pat Hoffman, UW-Marshfield; Matt Jorgenson, UW-Extension; Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler, UW-Madison; Dr. Kent Weigel, UW-Madison; and Roy Wilson, UW-Extension.

The registration deadline is January 28, 2005. Cost is \$20.00 per person which includes registration, lunch, and proceedings.

Make checks payable to UW-Extension. If you are attending February 9th in Fond du Lac, mail registrations to: Fond du Lac County UW-Extension, Attn: Kathy, Room 112 Classroom Building, 400 Campus Drive, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. If you plan to attend February 10th in Green Bay, send registration information to: Oconto County UW-Extension, Attn: Roy Wilson, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, WI 54153.

Raising Quality Dairy Heifers is sponsored cooperatively by Professional Dairy Heifer Growers Association, University of Wisconsin –Extension Dairy Team, University of Wisconsin – Madison Department of Dairy Science, and University of Wisconsin – Extension Eastern District. Financial support is provided by Elanco Animal Health.

Please join us for a day of learning from University professionals in the latest techniques and skills in efficient, cost effective heifer raising. For additional registration or program information please contact your County UW-Extension Office. Program and registration materials are available at the Manitowoc County UW-Extension website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/manitowoc/ag/index.html>

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