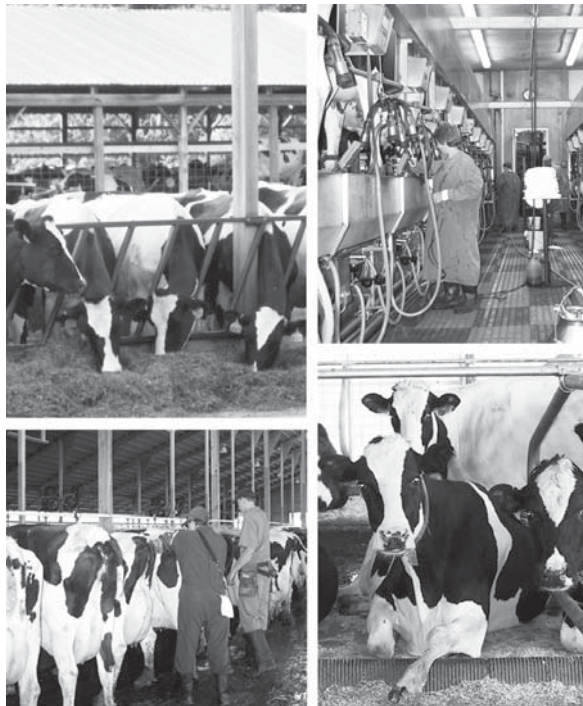


Minnesota Dairy Days Workshops

January & March 2009



Nine Locations:

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| Hutchinson | January 9 | Sleepy Eye | January 16 |
| Buffalo | January 13 | Caledonia | January 20 |
| McIntosh | January 14 | Avon | January 22 |
| Worthington | January 14 | Pipestone | March 4 |
| Ottertail | January 15 | | |

Dates/Locations/Topics

— Topics vary by location —

Registration begins 1 half hour before program starts.

January 9, 2009 - Hutchinson

Extension Office, McLeod County Fairgrounds
 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Dairy Feeding Financials
 12:45-2:15 PM Transition Cow Management

January 13, 2009 - Buffalo

Wright County Courthouse, 10 2nd Street NW
 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Calf Management
 1:00-3:00 PM Genetic Tools

January 14, 2009 - McIntosh

Community Center, 115 Broadway Street NW
 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Calf Management
 1:00-3:00 PM Transition Cow Management

January 14, 2009 - Worthington

Pizza Ranch, 1132 Oxford Street
 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Labor Management: *Hiring the Right Person*
 1:00-3:00 PM Labor Management: *Organizing Your Farm*

January 15, 2009 - Ottertail

Community Center, 103 Lake Avenue S
 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Calf Management
 1:00-3:00 PM Transition Cow Management

January 16, 2009 - Sleepy Eye

Orchid Inn, 500 Burnside Street SE
 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Transition Cow Management
 1:00-3:00 PM Dairy Feeding Financials

January 20, 2009 - Caledonia

Good Times Restaurant, 118 Bissen Street
 10:30 AM-2:30 PM Reproduction

January 22, 2009 - Avon

Joseph's Restaurant, 311 Blattner Drive
 10:30 AM-2:30 PM Transition Cow Management

March 4, 2009 - Pipestone

Pizza Ranch, 108 W Main Street
 10:30 AM-2:30 PM Transition Cow Management

Registration

The registration fee is \$15 per person and includes lunch. You may register at the door, but please call your location's local contact at least two days prior to the event for meal-planning purposes.

— Local Contacts —

Hutchinson: Nathan Winter
320-587-0770

Buffalo: Brenda Postels
763-682-7381

McIntosh: Jim Stordahl
218-563-2465

Worthington: Merri Post
507-825-6784

Ottertail: Vince Crary
218-385-5420

Sleepy Eye: Heidi Sellner
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Caledonia: Jerry Tesmer
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Avon: Eric Sonnek
320-255-6169

Pipestone: Merri Post
507-825-6784



— For More Information —

For more information, visit the Dairy Extension website at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/dairy> or call your location's local contact.

Minnesota Dairy Days Workshops:

Interactive sessions with discussion on Calf Management, Transition Cow Management, Reproduction, Genetic Tools, Labor Management, Feeding Financials

Topics/Speakers

Calf Management

(January 13 at Buffalo; January 14 at McIntosh; January 15 at Ottertail)

This workshop is designed to help dairy producers, calf growers and other interested dairy professionals to determine best management practices to control diseases and improve calf health, to better understand the costs and economic factors related to nutrition, health and housing, and to provide information for developing on-farm guidelines and protocols. The emphasis will be on calves from birth to six months of age.

- Neil Broadwater, University of Minnesota Extension, Rochester

Transition Cow Management

(January 9 at Hutchinson; January 14 at McIntosh; January 15 at Ottertail; January 16 at Sleepy Eye; January 22 at Avon; March 4 at Pipestone)

Feeding moderate energy diets that contain one-third wheat straw may help prepare cows for a more successful transition into lactation and may help reduce health and metabolic disorders. This workshop will provide practical applications of dry cow research to your dairy operation.

- Noah Litherland, Department of Animal Science, University of Minnesota, St. Paul

- Jim Salfer, University of Minnesota Extension, St. Cloud

Reproduction

(January 20 at Caledonia)

Come learn how to evaluate and improve your reproductive program. Learn about the major factors affecting whether or not cows get pregnant. Bring your DHIA records to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of your program. Be prepared to have your questions answered and take home a plan to improve your herd's reproductive performance.

- Jim Salfer, University of Minnesota Extension, St. Cloud

- Gary Neubauer, Pfizer Animal Health

Genetic Tools for the 21st Century

(January 13 at Buffalo)

What tools do you use in deciding which AI bulls to use in your dairy herd? Rankings by net merit, TPI or others help us choose top bulls. What about using health trait numbers such as DPR, SCS, or PL? What should we be looking for? How does crossbreeding or use of sexed semen fit your operation? This interactive session will have much discussion using the Turning Point clickers.

- Jim Paulson, University of Minnesota Extension, Hutchinson

Labor Management

(January 14 at Worthington)

The Labor Management Workshop will address two topics:

Hiring the Right Person for the Right Job - It is one thing to simply hire labor for the farm. It is another to hire the right kind of person. This session will show participants how to do a job analysis for their farm to determine the types of labor needed, the labor force now available, and how to best meet the gap.

Organizing Your Farm for Greater Flexibility - Farmers who desire greater flexibility for themselves, their families and their employees can benefit by having well-written operational manuals. This session will take participants through example manuals and start them on the way to writing a manual for their own farms. We encourage several people from an individual farm to attend if possible.

- Chuck Schwartau, University of Minnesota Extension, Rochester

Feeding Financials

(January 9 at Hutchinson; January 16 at Sleepy Eye)

What is your feed cost per head per day for your animal groups? How does that compare with other Minnesota producers? This workshop will help you sort that out in today's economics. It will also feature forage quality issues, by-product feeding, feed additives to use, and answer questions from the audience.

- Jim Paulson, University of Minnesota Extension, Hutchinson

2009 Minnesota Forage Days

Harvesting Results for a Profitable Future

Locations:

February 9 - Lamberton
February 10 - Floodwood
February 11 - Detroit Lakes
February 12 - Royalton
February 13 - Rochester

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Jerry Cherney
Cornell University

"Alfalfa/Grass and Grass Silage Management - Seeding to Feeding"



Come and learn about...

Alfalfa IPM - Insects and Troublesome Weeds
Optimizing Corn Silage Production
Economic Perennial Forage Fertilization
Forages for Dry/Transition Cows
Hay for Horses
Grass for Bio-Heat on Farms
Local Research Updates
MFA Updates
Transporting Agricultural Products
Producer Success Stories

Topics vary by location, visit websites for site-specific agendas and registration information.

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www.extension.umn.edu/forages or
www.midwestforage.org