Pre-Empire Farm Days Tour Registration closes July 31

PRO-DAIRY will host a tour on Monday, August 4 of Walnut Ridge Dairy (formerly Hardie Farms) in Lansing, NY; Cornell University’s new dairy processing plant in Ithaca, NY; and the new Cornell Dairy Research Center in Harford, NY. A bus will be provided to minimize traffic on the dairies and lunch will be served on the Cornell campus prior to the tour of the dairy processing plant. Cost of the tour is $40 per person and pre-registration is requested. For more information, and to register, go to the PRO-DAIRY Web site at http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/prodairy/ and click on the “Save the Date” section.

**Walnut Ridge Dairy LLC, Lansing, NY:** A multi-family dairy farm that milks 1,430 cows, crops 1,900 acres and employs 25 people, including the owners. Cows are housed in eight row or six row freestall barns with curtains and fans for cooling. The newest six row barn is bedded with sand and the other barns use waterbeds. Cows in the holding area are cooled with sprinklers and fans. Pregnant heifers are boarded off site. Walnut Ridge Dairy is a member of the Cayuga Marketing Group LLC and an owner in the newly established Cayuga Milk Ingredients LLC, a dry ingredients plant. The facilities tour will include the calf barn and a new six row freestall barn with sand bedding. Discussion topics will include benchmark data, business growth, new ownership and generational transfer, and the crops operation.

**Cornell Dairy Research Center, Harford, NY:** Built in 2013, the Cornell University Dairy Research Center houses about 600 dairy cows (milking and dry), plus an additional 500 head of youngstock. A freestall barn with 486 stalls has the capacity to house cows in large and small groups for replicated pen studies. A smaller freestall barn is designed

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Dairy Profit Seminars

Dairy Profit Seminars have become a regular stop for agribusiness professionals. This year’s show is Farm near Seneca Falls.

The 2014 Dairy Profit Seminars will include a strategy for finding the next 10 pounds of milk, maximizing pregnancy rate about shredlage. They feature Cornell speaker Michelle Woodman of Landmark Services Cooperative in Wisconsin. Additional seminars are being offered this year at 9:30 am. A complete list is available at: http://www.empirefarmdays.com/data/PR/EFD14%20DairyProfit%20Seminars%20Press%20Release.pdf.

On Wednesday, August 6, the 2014 class of Jr. DAIRY LEADER is a statewide year-long program for learning more about careers in the dairy field, professional development. The graduation will highlight and demonstrate to sponsors and visitors the experiences, knowledge, and the dynamic aspects of dairy education they have learned as dairy leaders.

The seminars are a collaboration between Cornell’s PRO-DAIRY and DairyBusiness East magazine. Sessions are at the Dairy Seminar Center, located on the show grounds. They are free and open to the public.
specifically for dry cows and cows that need additional health attention. A tiestall/metabolism barn has 80 individual tiestalls for more intensive data collection, including individual feed intakes, plus an additional 12 metabolism stalls for digestion and physiology studies. The milking parlor is a double-16 parallel parlor with a basement for milk sampling. The dairy has state of the art cow comfort, including sand-bedded stalls, ample ventilation through curtained sidewalls, and evaporative cooling with sprinklers and fans for summertime heat relief. This facility supports Cornell’s leading research programs in dairy nutrition and metabolism, reproductive physiology and management, and genomics. In addition to the facilities tour, discussions will include ongoing research in nutrition, reproduction, and shredlage harvested last fall, with feed analysis and bunk density information.

**Cornell Dairy (Dairy Processing Plant), Ithaca, NY:** The Cornell Dairy includes a licensed dairy processing plant located in Stocking Hall on the Cornell campus. It supports dairy foods teaching, research and extension programs, processes milk from the Cornell dairy herd, and supplies dairy products to the campus.

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**Volunteer at the Dairy Cow Birthing Center**

The New York Animal Agriculture Coalition (NYAAC) organizes the Dairy Cow Birthing Center at the New York State Fair, August 21 – September 1, 2014. The New York Animal Agriculture Coalition (NYAAC) is seeking volunteers for the Dairy Cow Birthing Center at the New York State Fair. To prepare volunteers, NYAAC requires all volunteers to watch a short webinar, which includes details about the exhibit and how to “tell your story” document with frequently asked questions and answers. All volunteers will be provided a T-shirt, along with official Birthing Center credentials. Free State Fair admission and a parking pass will also be provided to volunteers who sign up before August 16, 2014.

New features to the exhibit this year are expanded seating for 700 people, year-old calves that were born last year during the State Fair, a mechanical backscratcher donated by Future Cow, and short video clips of the featured farm.

NYAAC organizes the Dairy Cow Birthing Center in partnership with the New York State Fair and Cornell University’s College of Veterinary Medicine. To sign up, contact Jessica Ziehm at jessica@nyanimalag.org or at 518-527-3949.

**Low stress cattle handling clinic**

A Low Stress Cattle Handling Clinic will be held at the Dairy Cow Birthing Center at the New York State Fair on August 5 at Spring Hope Dairy in Stanley, NY. The seminar focuses on handling methods to improve cattle well-being and worker safety.

The seminars are sponsored by Alltech, AmeriEast, Lallemand Animal Nutrition, Lincoln Financial Group and Pikeside Enterprises and are a part of the collaboration between Cornell’s PRO-DAIRY Program and DairyBusiness East magazine.

LED by talented presenter and renowned stockmanship instructor, Curt Pate, this special event focuses on handling methods to improve cattle movement through all parts of the dairy facility, including individual feed intakes, plus an additional 12 metabolism stalls for digestion and physiology studies. The milking parlor is a double-16 parallel parlor with a basement for milk sampling. The dairy has state of the art cow comfort, including sand-bedded stalls, ample ventilation through curtained sidewalls, and evaporative cooling with sprinklers and fans for summertime heat relief. This facility supports Cornell’s leading research programs in dairy nutrition and metabolism, reproductive physiology and management, and genomics. In addition to the facilities tour, discussions will include ongoing research in nutrition, reproduction, and shredlage harvested last fall, with feed analysis and bunk density information.

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