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Cornell Dairy Executive Program application deadline is Wednesday!

The Cornell Dairy Executive Program (CDEP) provides professional, cutting-edge management training for progressive dairy producers in New York and across the country. With input and support from producers and agriservice, this year-long program is designed to enhance understanding of the fast-changing dairy industry. Participants will develop leadership and business management skills to lead their dairy business into the future.

Qualified applicants are well-rounded individuals who:

- are motivated to achieve business excellence through personal growth
- have five or more years of dairy experience

Do you have thoughts on regulations affecting agriculture in the Northeast?

The University of Connecticut (UCONN) Zwick Center for Food and Resource Policy, with funding support from Farm Credit East, is interested in finding out your views on state and municipal regulations that affect farming activities and profitability. This survey should take approximately 15 minutes of your time, and your participation is very important. Your responses will be anonymous, and your name or contact information will not be shared. The results of this survey will be developed into a report which will be shared with Northeast agricultural leaders, and policy makers at the state and local levels. Your participation may impact the regulatory environment for Northeast agriculture by allowing for better policy recommendations on regulations that limit Northeast farm businesses.

To participate, visit the
in a decision making position
· are interested in creating a network of dairy producers and industry leaders
· value pursuit of meaningful goals in a dairy business

Application deadline is October 15.

More information and applications are online.

Save the Date!

2015 Operations Managers Conference - Sponsorship opportunities available!

The 2015 Operations Managers Conference, “Effective Management through Teamwork and Leadership” will be held January 20 - 21, 2015 at the Holiday Inn, Liverpool/Syracuse.

Organized by the PRO-DAIRY Program at Cornell University and the Northeast Dairy Producers Association (NEDPA), this conference provides an opportunity for people responsible for day to day activities on dairy farms to increase their management and operations skills while interacting with other managers. Sessions on January 20 will be followed by a tour and interaction with a local dairy operations team on January 21. Agenda is online. Pre-registration will open in late October. Sponsorship information is also on the conference website.

Academy for Dairy Executives

Cornell Cooperative Extension and PRO-DAIRY invite young dairy producers and managers to apply for the Academy for Dairy Executives, a 3 part educational program being held this winter in Northern New York. The Academy is an opportunity for progressive dairy producers and agri-service personnel to:

· Improve leadership and management skills necessary to operate a successful dairy business during volatile times
· Learn from and interact with other

Cornell PRO-DAIRY is partnering with the Wyoming County Dairy Institute and Cornell Cooperative Extension to offer regional calf management training programs. These programs will be offered statewide at six video conferencing sites from 6:30 to 9:00 pm October 28, October 30, November 4 and November 6. On-farm tours will be announced at the conclusion of the program. Cost is $50 per person. Register with the regional site. This program qualifies for Farm Service Agency Borrower Credits.

Program participants will also receive a $40 voucher toward the full day registration fee for the PRO-DAIRY Calf and Heifer Congress December 10 and 11 at the RIT Inn and Conference Center, Rochester, NY.

Calf management program topics and speakers include:

Oct. 28 - Young calf care - Kim Morrill, PhD, NNY Dairy Specialist, Cornell Cooperative Extension, will discuss the critical first 24 hours, including impact of calving stress, the 5 “C's” - colostrum, calories,
producers and dairy professionals
· Gain a better understanding of the fast-changing dairy industry
· Develop skills necessary to lead your dairy business into the future

For more information and to apply online.

Submit Papers for the Dairy Environmental Systems and Climate Adaptation Conference

A three-day regional conference and trade show sponsored by PRO-DAIRY, the Cornell Institute for Climate Change and Agriculture, and the USDA funded Animal Agriculture and Climate Change Project will be held on the beautiful Cornell campus July 29 - 31, 2015. Paper/presentation submissions go to: biogas@cornell.edu.

It will feature an unique opportunity to learn about emerging dairy housing and manure management systems in conjunction with regional climate trends and adaptation strategies for the Northeast and upper Midwest U.S. The conference will include multiple tour options showcasing on-farm integrated waste handling/treatment systems and on-farm climate adaptation strategies. The synergistic nature of these two topic areas will expose creative solutions to the most pressing of today’s dairy environmental challenges. Tours of interest will also be organized for spouses and families.

Paper submissions should include the presentation topic, paper title and a 150 word abstract. Include: name, title, affiliation; email address; preference for oral or poster presentation; and indication of commitment to make deadlines. Abstract submission deadline is November 1, 2014.

The program is sponsored by:
· Cornell PRO-DAIRY Program Dairy Environmental Systems Group
· Cornell Institute for Climate Change and Agriculture
· Animal Agriculture and Climate Change Project (USDA-NIFA)

cleanliness, comfort, consistency, as well as biosecurity, controlling scours, controlling respiratory disease, assessing the “off” calf and vaccination strategies.

Oct. 30 – Impact of environmental factors - Dr. Theresa Taraska, DVM, Dairy Specialist, CCE Lewis County and Curt Gooch, PRO-DAIRY Extension Associate Sr. will discuss housing essentials, air quality, individual versus group housing, water quality, cold and heat stress and bedding choices.

Also on Oct. 30 – Operation overview with focus on data capture - This panel discussion will answer: What data are you collecting, why and how are you using it, and how are you using data in decision making? Panelists include dairy farmer Mike McMahon, DVM Dave Stockwell and organic dairy farmer Paul Tillotson.

Nov. 4 – Calf nutrition and delivery, from birth to weaning - Fernando Soberon, PhD, Technical Services Manager at Nutreco, Canada, will address feeding for biological potential, milk versus milk replacer, gut development, starter formulation, growth rates and weaning strategies.

Nov. 6 – Calf management issues - Corwin Holtz, Holtz-Nelson Dairy Consultants, LLC, will address auto feeders versus robots, acidified milk
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Mission PRO-DAIRY’s mission is to facilitate New York State economic development by increasing the profitability and competitiveness of its dairy industry. PRO-DAIRY specialists have made a positive impact on the technical knowledge, management skills and economic strength of New York State’s dairy industry since 1988.

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feeding, nipple selection, placement and number, starting calves in groups, cross sucking, basic economics of raising calves and economics of lost and culled heifers.

Farm Walk and Hands on Demonstrations, 10 am to 3 pm, at regional locations to be announced. These local farm tour discussions will cover management of the newborn calf, environmental considerations, feeding and weaning management, sanitation of feeding articles and health strategies.

The program will be offered at regional sites through video conferencing. Participating sites include:

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