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The PRO-DAIRY mission is to facilitate New York State economic development by increasing the profitability and competitiveness of its dairy industry.

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Cost of Manure Application Study Published

Twenty-seven farms from across New York State participated in the Cost of Manure Application Study. These farms spread manure using tankers in one of two methods; either loading on a spreader at

2015 Herd Health Nutrition Conferences

- March 17, 2015 – Holiday Inn, Liverpool/Syracuse, NY
- March 19, 2015 – Essex Resort and Spa, Essex Junction, VT

Presented by PRO-DAIRY and Northeast Agribusiness & Feed Alliance. The Herd Health and Nutrition Conferences provide an opportunity for dairy producers, veterinarians, feed industry representatives and agriservice personnel to increase their knowledge of current herd health and nutrition management techniques while interacting with other professionals. For more information and to register, go to the Herd Health and Nutrition Conferences page on the PRO-DAIRY website.

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manure pit and applying directly to fields using the same equipment or loading a tanker at the manure pit and then transferring the load to a spreader at the field for application. This study captured a period of time for manure hauling on farms. The farms provided an estimate of the total liquid manure they would apply over the year. Costs per 1,000 gallons of manure spread averaged $11.31 per 1,000 gallons spread with a range of $9.49, from $7.36 to $17.05, per 1,000 gallons spread.

The full report of the Manure Application Cost Study including comparisons of two different application methods, comparisons of different types of hauling and spreading equipment, and key factors affecting manure application costs is online at the PRO-DAIRY business management page.

Calf Management Training Program

10 am to 2 pm, Feb 12 and Feb 26, 2015
Registration fee is $30.00

Cornell Cooperative Extension and the University of Vermont will be offering programs this winter focusing on calf management and care. Programs will be offered at several CCE locations and will be available via video conferencing. Full details are online at the PRO-DAIRY website in the Save the Date section.

Program Topics:
- Young Calf Care-the 5 C’s of Colostrum
- Calf Nutrition After Colostrum
- Calf Disease Control
- Impact of Environmental Factors-Housing Essentials

Winter Dairy Management meetings provide local access to current research. Register with your local Cornell Cooperative Extension office. Farm Service Agency borrower credits are available for this program. A complete list of program dates, locations and registration information is online at the PRO-DAIRY website in the Save the Date section.

Program Agenda:
- Impact of Milk Components on Milk Check: Jason Karszes, Betsey Howland, Kathy Barrett, Cornell PRO-DAIRY
- Understanding Income Over Feed Costs and its Impact on Profitability: Jason Karszes, Betsey Howland, Dr. Tom Overton, Cornell PRO-DAIRY
- Dairy Nutrition’s Impact on Milk Components: Dr. Tom Overton, Cornell PRO-DAIRY and Dave Balbian, Regional Dairy Specialist Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Farm Guest Speaker: Local farmer who increased profitability with increased milk components, including nutrition and environmental factors

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