

CATSKILL REGIONAL DAIRY, LIVESTOCK & GRAZING CONFERENCE

JANUARY 15, 2009 • SUNY-DELHI • EVENDEN TOWER

10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Trade show featuring local agri-service providers in Evenden Tower

Registration begins at 10 a.m.



DAIRY

LONG-TERM PRODUCTIVITY OF DAIRY CALVES

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Early Life Management

Dr. David Nydam, Assistant Professor and Veterinarian, Cornell University

Proper calf management can increase farmer profit by decreasing calf-raising cost and increasing returns by introducing healthier, more productive first calf heifers into the dairy herd. Research results back the correlation between the nutritional status of calves from birth to weaning and its affect on their future milk production.



LIVESTOCK

FARMING OUTSIDE THE BOX

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

How to Make Money Finishing Beef on Pasture

Dr. William Bryan, Professor of Agronomy, West Virginia University

Dr. Bryan will share his research and experience on how to finish beef on grass in Appalachia and extend the grazing season.



GRAZING

GRAZING MANAGEMENT

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Balancing Grass and Livestock

Dr. Darrell Emmick, Grazing Specialist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Dale Dewing, Field Crops Educator, CCE–Delaware County

Grazing management is a dynamic system where every action has a reaction. Darrell helps novice and experienced graziers better understand and anticipate plant growth and animal behavior. Learn how to manage the two to produce healthy productive pasture and healthy, productive animals.

Noon – 1:20 p.m. LUNCHEON WITH GUEST SPEAKER • see below

ANIMAL COMFORT AND WELL-BEING

1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Cow Comfort Considerations: Recommendations and Tie-Stall Case Study

Paul Cerosaletti, Dairy Educator, CCE–Delaware County

Paul will review the current recommendations for cow comfort on dairy farms, including stall sizing and bedding management, ventilation, water availability and more. A case study of recent renovations completed at the Rob and Darlene Howland farm (Candor, NY) reveals the positive impact of these changes.

Animal Well-Being: An Emerging Issue

Dr. Larry Chase, Animal Science Professor, Cornell University

Animal well-being is an emerging national issue. Approval of Proposition 2 by California voters in November 2008, which regulates animal treatment, is a glimpse of what the industry faces in the near future. Producer and industry groups are being proactive in addressing the issue. Learn what is happening worldwide and nationally on this issue, what industry groups are doing to address it, and how it might affect your farm. This talk is a must for any livestock owner!

HIGH-MOISTURE CORN (HMC) CONSIDERATIONS

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The Profitability of HMC in Delaware County

Mariane Kiraly, Farm Business Manager, CCE–Delaware County

Is growing high-moisture shell or ear corn (“snaplage”) a profitable decision in Delaware County? Mariane will review an analysis of the economics of HMC using Delaware County costs and yield numbers.

High-moisture Shell & Ear Corn in Dairy Diets

Dr. Larry Chase, Animal Science Professor, Cornell University

Recent availability of HMC has peaked interest among Delaware County dairy farmers. Dr. Chase will address storage and feeding concerns of high-moisture corn, also known as “snaplage.”

Experiences with Snaplage in Delaware County

April Lucas and Janette Johnson, Dairy Educators, CCE–Delaware County

A panel with CCE nutritionists and two local farmers “tell all” about their experiences harvesting, handling and feeding snaplage in Delaware County this year.

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(see Dairy track, 2:00 p.m.)

Raising Organic Lambs on Pasture

Dr. William Bryan, Professor of Agronomy, West Virginia University

Dr. Bryan will share his research and experience from the on-campus farm. Hear his recommendations for producing sheep and lambs on grass and controlling parasites.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

My Experience with Pastured Pork

Anne vanArsdale, Farmer, Delhi, NY

As farm manager for High Meadows Farm in Delhi, Anne manages an organic pig farrowing operation of 18 breeding sows and markets 300 feeder pigs annually. Scottish Highlander beef and critically rare Suffolk Punch work horses are also raised on the farm. Anne will speak about farrowing and raising pigs on pasture year round.

My Experience with Pastured Poultry

Marc Jaffe, Farmer, Livingston Manor, NY

Marc, along with his wife, Susan, own and operate Snowdance Farm. This family-run farm specializes in pastured poultry, pastured pigs, beef, goats, and more. Their animals are grass-fed, as well as hormone and antibiotic-free. Currently, the farm raises about 7,000 chickens and 250 turkeys annually. Marc will speak about managing poultry as part of his mixed livestock operation and the work he does marketing his meats locally and regionally.

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Water System Planning, Installation and Management

Rob DeClue, Chenango Co. SWCD and Erin Shea, Dairy/Livestock Educator, CCE–Delaware County

Access to fresh, clean, and plentiful water is important to animal productivity, but is often underappreciated. This session will cover selecting and managing water sources, implementing delivery systems and managing water tanks to provide this critical nutrient.

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Pasture Renovation and Improvement

Dr. Darrell Emmick, USDA NRCS, Tom Ormond, Dairy Farmer, and Dale Dewing, Field Crops Educator, CCE–Delaware County

Highly productive pastures are the foundation of a successful grazing system. The panel will cover general principles of pasture improvement including fertility, species selection, establishment techniques, and grazing management strategies. Peppered with doses of practical experience in all aspects of pasture renovation, this lecture delivers something to every grazer, whether you're starting from scratch with brushland or just want to spruce up an underperforming paddock.

Register by
Friday,
January 9

Noon – 1:20 p.m.

LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Growing Our Grazing Farm: Experience from Southwestern New York

Tom Ormond, Dairy Farmer, Kennedy, NY

Tom and wife, Joyce, farm in Kennedy, NY with their son, Lonny and his wife, Robin. The Ormond's dairy herd has grown from 40 cows in the early 1980's to a herd of 150 high-producing, registered Holsteins cows today. During the grazing season, The Ormond's increase the herd to over 200 milking cows through the addition of home-raised first-calf heifers. In the fall, the herd is reduced back to 150 cows as the farm markets excess cattle. This merchandising technique has allowed the farm to reap the rewards of an outstanding genetics and heifer-raising program without the burden of a continually increasing herd size.

Tom was among the first farms in his area to implement management-intensive grazing practices in the mid-1980's. He has consistently invested in improvements to his system and grazing management skills. The farm's pastures range from excellent valley land that some say is “too good for grazing” to reclaimed forest hilltops. A variety of water sources have been developed to provide easy access to quality water in each paddock. The Ormond's have hosted numerous farm tours and field days and Tom brings his willingness to share what he has learned to Delaware County.

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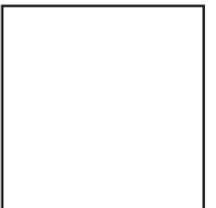


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Watershed Agricultural Council
33195 State Highway 10 Walton, NY 13856



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Catskill Regional Dairy, Livestock and Grazing Conference SUNY – Delhi • January 15, 2009

Registration deadline: Friday, January 9, 2009

Fee: \$15 WAC and CCE members, \$20 non-members (Includes lunch)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number attending: _____ Total \$ _____

Select tracks you will be attending:

Dairy a.m. p.m.

Livestock a.m. p.m.

Grazing a.m. p.m.

Share your demographics with us:

___ Male ___ Female ___ 25 & under ___ 26-45 ___ 46-64 ___ 65 & older

___ White (non-Hispanic) ___ American Indian ___ Black ___ Hispanic

___ Asian/Pacific Islander ___ Other Race/Ethnicity

Please make checks payable to: CCE of Delaware County

Return to Judy Morse, CCE of Delaware County, P.O. Box 184, Hamden NY 13782.

For more information, call (607) 865-6531 or visit www.cce.cornell.edu/delaware.

For directions, log on to www.delhi.edu/about_us/directions.asp.

Watershed Agricultural Council
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I hereby authorize the Watershed Agricultural Council of the New York City Watersheds, Inc. to use photographs, video recordings of my image and audio recordings of my voice, which I have voluntarily allowed to be taken by representatives of the Watershed Agricultural Council of the New York City Watersheds, Inc. Furthermore, I hereby consent that such photographs and recordings shall be the property of the Watershed Agricultural Council of the New York City Watersheds, Inc. and that they shall have the right to sell, duplicate, reproduce and make other uses of such photographs and recordings as they may desire free and clear of any claim whatever on my part. I fully understand the comprehensive nature of this release and voluntarily consent to sign it.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (please print): _____