

Dr. Guss Conducts Dairy Management Meet in Lancaster

New treatments for IBR were among the topics covered at a lively dairy herd management meeting Tuesday night at the Farm and Home Center. Dr. Sam Guss, extension dairy specialist from Penn State, conducted the meeting which was attended by about 40 area dairymen.

Guss said that IBR can be an expensive disease for milk producers. New treatments, especially a recently developed nasal spray, can keep the disease under control at a minimal cost, he pointed out.

New Cooperators

The Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District announce the following new cooperators:

John H. Moss, West Lampeter Township, 48 acres; Edward E. Marshall, Colerain Township, 118 acres, and David S. Fisher, Earl Township, 67 acres.

These treatments are also effective against shipping fever.

Heifers that were on pasture last summer should be wormed Guss said, whether or not they exhibit symptoms. He pointed out that it doesn't pay to worm mature cows. There are some worming medicines that can be administered through feed. Guss noted, however, that these wormers should be administered only to heifers that have been on a normal feeding program for at least several weeks. All animals should be consuming an equal amount of feed, so that all get an equal amount of wormer. Serious consequences could result from an animal getting too much of the medicine.

Anyone who hasn't done anything about lice and barn itch for several years has a problem, Guss said. He recommended spraying to eliminate it.

Another problem Guss observed, especially locally, is a high incidence of ring worm. This

is an unsightly disease and it's one which people can contract from cows. He advised the use of rubber gloves for any dairymen attempting to treat their cows for ring worm.

Touching on the poor quality feed currently available locally, Guss said it might be a good idea to consider vitamin injections. Freshening heifers, particularly, might benefit from combination

shots of A, D and E vitamins. These should be administered about three weeks before freshening and again three weeks after.

One precaution should be observed in giving injections, Guss said. That is to give the shots in the withers or other loose muscle rather than in the rump. He pointed out that if a cow should for some reason end up in the butcher shop soon after an injection, a black spot on the rump could cause the condemnation of the entire carcass.

Milton Brubaker Ayrshire Club Pres.

A covered dish banquet set the mood for the annual meeting of the Southeast Pennsylvania Ayrshire Club recently at the Brunnerville Fire Hall. The 50 people present were led in singing folk and patriotic songs by Mrs. Earl Keifer, accompanied at the piano by Judy Young.

During the business meeting the youth committee, Nelson Young and James Esbenshade, reported a successful 4-H program with several members winning top places in regional and state shows.

Clifford Day, vo-ag teacher at Garden Spot High School, New Holland, introduced three outstanding boys with Ayrshire projects. Robert Campbell was the Dairy Efficiency Award winner for the Atlantic region, comprised of 13 states. Ray Martin was the winner of the 1971 Ayrshire calf and Don Weaver was the winner of the 1972 Ayrshire calf. These calves were given for outstanding dairy projects in the Lancaster countywide contest. All three project winners told about their

progress as Ayrshire breeders.

Gary Rutter, Pennsylvania Youth director, told of the state-wide work with the youth program. Five calves donated by Pennsylvania breeders put \$800 in the Youth treasury, which should enable Pennsylvania to have a good youth program for 1973.

The club voted to pay for subscriptions to the Ayrshire Digest for 15 area FFA Chapters. The group also voted to sponsor the Ayrshire Junior Get-of-Sire class at the Pennsylvania All American Dairy Show.

Election of officers was held. The following is the results of the election:

Milton Brubaker, Lititz, president; Charles Gable, Elverson, vice-president; Kennard Henley, Cochranville, secretary-treasurer. Elected as directors, were: Robert Campbell, Narvon; James Esbenshade, Quarryville, and Albert Wilson, Elizabethtown.


Highlight of the evening was a slide presentation of the World Ayrshire Conference held in Finland. Mr. and Mrs. Earl

Keifer and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Young attended the conference.

Ayrshires comprise about 80 per cent of the dairy population of Finland. The Finnish Ayrshire cattle are higher in butterfat test than their U.S. counterpart. Farms in Finland are rather small in size, about 20 to 60 acres. Dairy feeds grown are wheat, oats and hay, with some grass harvested as grass silage on a few farms.

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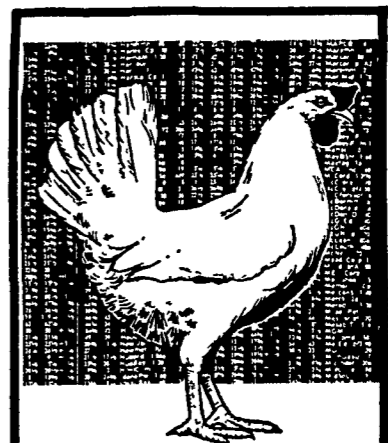
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