

Dairymen get scoop on feed



Framed by an intricate system of scales and conveyors, Albert Moyer, explains his modern feeding equipment. All feed ingredients are electronically weighed and mechanically mixed before delivery into a 100 foot long feed trough. The formula is based on chemical analysis of the hay, corn silage and haylage, and balanced with the necessary grain, protein supplements and vitamins and minerals. Moyer's herd production level is 17,000 pounds of milk per cow.



Professor Dick Adams explains the importance of paying close attention to feeding dry cows so that they are in proper condition for heavy lactation, yet not too fat. (Photos by Newton Bair)

Crops and Soils Day coming up in Lancaster

LANCASTER — The Lancaster County Extension Service will hold their 19th annual Crops and Soils Day on February 19.

The meeting, which will feature exhibits and displays of crop seed, lime, fertilizers, and agri-chemicals, will be taking place in the Farm and Home Center, starting at 8:30 a.m.

John Yocum, superintendent of the Penn State Southeast Field Research Laboratory in Landisville, will discuss production challenges in growing small grains, corn, and tobacco.

Two representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will be on hand to speak on pesticide re-certification and seed testing and quality. These subjects will be handled by Dave Thompson and Wendell Ditmer, respectively.

Gasohol will be a topic of conversation in the afternoon when Jim Garthe, Penn State agricultural engineer, will cover this popular subject.

David Mathews, director

of crops research for Agway, will be on hand to talk about nutrient losses in growing and storing forage crops.

Lebanon County's Newton Bair, Extension agent, will be presenting the trial results for the burcucumber herbicide tests.

Attendance at this meeting will qualify licensed private and agronomy crops category of commercial applicators to receive update training and a Pesticide Applicator Training Certificate.



Richard Adams, far left, Penn State Extension Dairy Specialist, tells why a balanced dairy ration is necessary for efficient milk production and good herd health. Also pictured from left, are Albert Moyer, Lebanon; Jack Reed, manager of Agway, Lebanon; and Richard Van Lieu, Lebanon, dairyman. Forty-two farmers and agri-business representatives attended the meeting held in Moyer's dairy barn.

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