New York DHIA Management Seminar

ITHACA, N.Y. - Large herd dairy farmers wishing to sharpen their herd management skills can attend a two-day seminar on better herd management in Ithaca, Feb. 5

The Large Herd Management Seminar "will send farmers away with a whole new way of thinking about their operation," according to Dr. Arden Nelson DVM, cofounder of Dairy Production Consultants who are sponsoring the seminar. "The seminar will give farmers added value to their management records," Nelson added.

The seminar will incorporate the Remote Management System computer program into the discussion of more efficient herd management with dairy production records.

At the seminar, farmers will learn how to interpret lactation curves and realize the significance of milk fat and protein curves in determining the effectiveness of their nutrition program.

They will also learn to manipulate data to measure changes in the nutrition program as well as monitor reproduction and mastitis levels.

Finally, each dairy farmer will have a comprehensive set of RMS records run on his own herd in addition to obtaining a complete analysis during the "hands on" session of the program.

Nelson said farmers could obtain valuable management information by using RMS with their produc-

tion records. "RMS can show things pure numbers cannot." Information available through RMS include sample day milk production, breeding and calving information, herd summaries and much more.

RMS allows farmers to organize the herd information they want with cows sequenced in the order they choose to meet their individual needs.

Nelson will speak on first calf heifer burnout syndrome and mastitis analysis at the seminar. Additional speakers include Dr. Howard Redius DVM, co-founder of DPC, Asst. Professor Thomas Cannon, and Dairy Extension Specialists Drs. Terry Smith and R. David Smith.

Dairy farmers with herds of more than 100 milking cows are encouraged to attend the seminar with concentrates on enhancing the farmer's management capabilities using the RMS program. However, Nelson said the seminar is not limited to herds of this size and smaller herd owners are welcome.

The cost of the seminar is \$400. This includes a complete herd analysis (normally \$100), a comprehensive manual (\$75) and two dinners and two lunches.

To register send \$50 deposit to: Dairy Production Consultants, PO Box 353, Homer, NY, or call: Dr. Nelson (1-607-749-7514), Thomas Cannon (1-607-276-6356) or Dr. Redlus (1-609-267-7971).

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Four Indicted In \$40 Million Dairy Feed Contamination Trial

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WASHINGTON - Four former Arkansas gasohol plant operators were charged today in a 52-count indictment involving the sale earlier this year of contaminated dairy feed.

Robert Beuley, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's inspector general, said the indictment charged that feed supplied to dairy farmers in a threestate area by Valley Feeds in Van Buren, Ark., contained the banned pesticide heptachlor. The incident may eventually cost the federal government some \$10 million in indemnities to dairy farmers.

In March, officials from the

Food and Drug administration and state public health agencies confirmed the presence of heptachlor in milk from cows Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

The alcohol fuel plant at Valley Feeds apparently used pesticidetreated seed grain in the production of ethanol used for gasohol. The contamination resulted when the company sold the by-product, a distiller's mash. as animal feed.

In response to the contamination of milk and dairy cattle, Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lvng

sent an emergency task force to the affected states with orders to review the situation and recommend action by USDA. Based on the task force's recommendation, 137 dairy herds were quarantined.

In May, Congress appropriated \$10 million for dairy losses. More than \$4.5 million has been distributed to date. Forty-three dairy herds remain under quarantine.

Beuley said the indictments were the result of an eight month investigation by U.S. Attorney J. Michael Fitzhugh, Fort Smith, Ark., assisted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Arkansas State Police, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers and the USDA office of the Inspector General.

The men were indicted on a number of charges, including racketeering, mail and wire fraud, and violation of FDA and EPA statutes, said Beuley.

Indicted were Jack E. White, 47, Henry R. White, 62, Jerial Lynn Finley, 40, and Brownie C. Mc-Bride. 49. Jack White, Henry White and Mcbride live in the Fort Smith area, and Finley is from Tulsa,

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