Northumberland Nutrient Demo Meeting

SUNBURY — The Northumberland County Conservation District and the Cooperative Extension Service will cosponsor a nutrient demonstration meeting on Wednesday, October 21 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Robert and Gary Truckenmiller's farm, one mile east of

All farmers attending the meeting will receive a free copy of the state's new eight-part manure management manual. Special editions are available for dairy, swine, -poultry, beef, and veal operations.

Ben Zimmer, nutrient management specialist with the Bureau of Soil and Water Conservation, will speak on the economics of on-farm nutrient management. Norman Conrad, county agent, will present a program on manure spreader

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calibration.

George Phillips of the conservation district staff will review the results of nutrient management experiments conducted by the Truckenmillers. The Truckenmillers experimented with different rates of manure and fertilizer application on one of their corn fields this past summer. Phillips will discuss the impact of various nutrient application rates on crop production.

Before the meeting begins, farmers are invited to come and tour DER's new mobile nutrient laboratory. The lab will be at the Truckenmiller farm starting at 5:30 p.m. The laboratory is equipped to test water for nitrates and to analyze manure for nitrogen, phosphate,

and potash content. Farmers who would like to have their water tested for nitrates are asked to bring a water sample to the lab at least one hour before the meeting begins.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting by the conservation district. More information on the meeting can be obtained by calling the conservation district office, 988-4224.

Natural Colostrum

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are on a nutritional management program and everything was supposed to be good. I was very happy to see that someone came out with a product that we could use to supplement our colostrum program.'

Like a lot of dairymen, Doelman tried freezing colostrum that his tests showed was of good quality. However, "it seemed like it always ended up in a flop," he

says. Now, he stores good quality colostrum in the refrigerator, but he can only keep it for two days.

From an individual-calf performance standpoint, Doelman has had equal results using Colostrux supplement or good quality colostrum. However, his overall success at raising calves is better now because he doesn't have to feed marginal quality colostrum.

Although supplementing colostrum won't prevent all the problems newborn calves experience as a result of fall weather, it can give them a better chance of combating those problems. Increasingly, dairymen are recognizing the importance of assuring calves establish a strong passive immunity immediately after birth, say dairy specialists. And knowing that they've received adquate immunoglobulins is key to that assurance.

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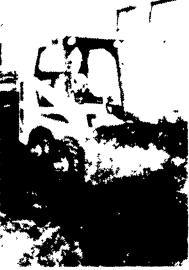
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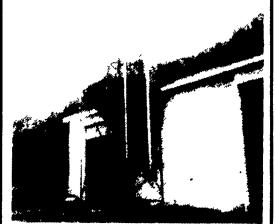
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