

Meeting Set For Johne's Disease Update

LANCASTER — An informational meeting on Johne's disease will be held Tuesday, March 28, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

The meeting was scheduled in response to the growing concern over increase in Johne's not only in the county but throughout the Commonwealth and the nation as well.

Veterinarians and researchers will present the latest developments on testing for the disease. A panel of Lancaster County farmers will share how they have coped with this incurable disease in their

herds.

Research experts estimate that 15 to 35 percent of all dairy herds in the nation have one or more animals infected with Johne's. It can infect all ruminants. Ingestion of contaminated fecal matter by young animals spreads the disease. In its subclinical stages animals may show signs of decreased fertility and production.

Clinical signs are severe weight loss, chronic diarrhea, excessive thirst and low production. Clinical signs become apparent after freshening when the animal is under stress. There is no cure for

this disease, but through improved management practices coupled with vaccinations the disease can be controlled.

Dr. Robert Whitlock and Dr. Ray Sweeney from the New Bolton Center of the University of Pennsylvania will discuss spread of the disease. Dr. Arian Zarkower

and Dr. Larry Hutchinson from the Veterinary Science Department of Penn State University will explain what diagnostic tests are available and the results of Johne's research in Pennsylvania.

Management techniques to control the disease will be addressed by Dr. Glen Hoffis from Ohio

State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Max Van Buskirk, director of the Bureau of Animal Industries, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will explain the Pennsylvania Certification Program for Johne's.

Those interested in attending must register by March 21.



JOHNE'S DISEASE: CURRENT STATUS

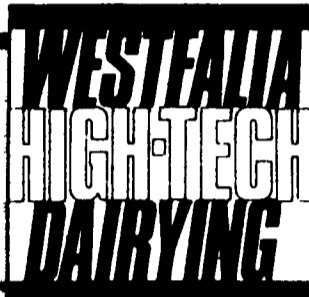
Registration fee is \$15 in advance, which includes lunch and notes on the meeting. Individuals may register at the door, but availability of lunch and meeting notes is not guaranteed.

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Mail by March 21 to: Dr. Larry Hutchinson, 115 Henning Building, University Park, PA 16802.

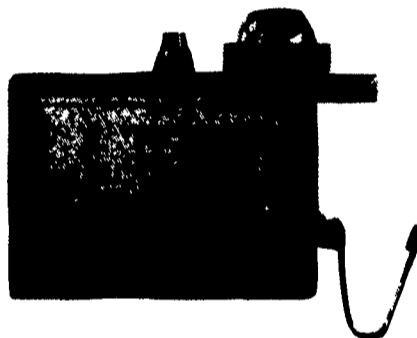
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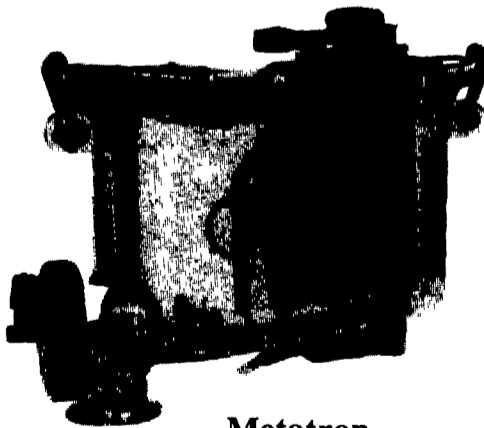
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