

# Balancing Rations, Feeding Programs At Barn Meeting

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STONE CHURCH (Northampton Co.) — Snowflakes fluttered down greeting the first guests to arrive at the barn meeting held recently at Cloverdale Farms.

The program, presented by Penn State Forage Analysis Mobile Van, showed procedures of forage and dry matter with samples being run that day.

Dr. Stephen Emanuele, Rutgers University dairy specialist talked about balancing rations with home grown feeds. The benefit of testing forages when using this technique is essential for success.

Dr. Carl Brown, of Brown's Feeds, Sinking Springs, Pa., presented a feeding program for calves, heifers and dry cows. The program helps the farmer balance home grown forages with purchased protein, vitamins and minerals, and is one of the best in the area.

The health of animals in all stages of growth is important for the stress of high production after calving. Weigh tapes were handed out to aid in keeping track of calves growth.



John F. Dumschat, Sussex Co. agricultural agent.

A body condition scoring program was presented by John Dumschat, county agricultural agent, Sussex County, N.J. The benefit

# Brandt heads Responsible Use Of Animals Group

The Pennsylvanians for the Responsible Use of Animals (PRUA) has selected former state representative Ken Brandt of Lancaster County as executive vice president.

Brandt represented Pennsylvania's 98th District for 18 years in the General Assembly and was Republican Chairman of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee at his retirement. He also served on other committees during his legislative career and held the leadership position of Republican Policy Chairman for eight years.

"PRUA is excited about its future with Ken Brandt at the helm," said PRUA president Karl

of this knowledge is knowing if a cow is having her nutritional needs met.

If the body condition scores of the cows are outside the reasonable range, steps should be taken to correct the problems to prevent production losses. This technique will alert problems of disease as well as reproduction losses.

Brown, "Mr. Brandt is coming on board to promote the importance of animals to the well-being of our ever growing population."

PRUA is a federation of Pennsylvania agricultural, biomedical/veterinary research, and professional wildlife management organizations and individuals interested in the continued responsible use of animals. PRUA provides the public, elected officials and those responsible for the care of animals with factual information to further a better understanding of their proper use and treatment so that decisions can be made at all levels in an informed manner.

"Whether we are in the agricultural community, hunters or sportsmen, or have an interest in the advancement of medicine through research," Brandt said, "PRUA can be the focal point for our point of view for those Pennsylvanians who are concerned about the responsible use of animals."

Brandt added, "Animal rights groups are increasingly infringing

upon the rights of Pennsylvanians to eat what they wish, earn a living, benefit from medical advancement, or enjoy the outdoors through hunting, fishing and trapping."

Although PRUA is headquartered in Camp Hill, Brandt noted that most of his time will be spent "on the road" presenting information programs and working with people involved in the responsible care and use of animals.

PRUA's membership roster includes the PA Beef Council, PA Farmers' Association, PA Farmers' Union, PA Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, PA Fur Breeders Association, PA Livestock Association, PA Trappers Association, PA Veal Association, Woodstream Corporation, PA Association of Meat Processors, PA Cattlemen's Association, PA Pork Producer's Council, PA State Grange and Sire Power, Inc.

For more information about the Pennsylvanians for the Responsible Use of Animals, contact Brandt at (717) 367-5223.

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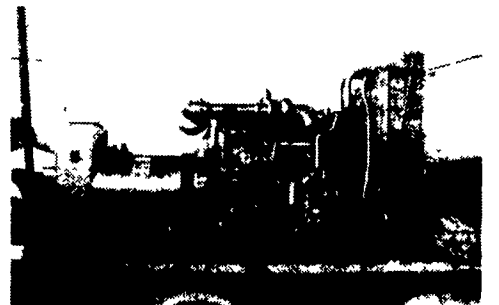
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