

White Oak Holds Dairy Meeting

MT JOY (Lancaster Co.)—The annual dairy seminar sponsored by White Oak Mills drew a room full of farmers to hear various topics related to feeding and managing the dairy herd.

"Getting a cow ready for lactation is like running a marathon," said Dr. Ned Moser, DVM consultant for White Oak. "The marathon starts when she drops the calf, but what about the training period. For the cow, the training period is the dry period. Unless you have a good dry cow program she will not

be ready.

"If you ask someone who has just been walking around to suddenly race 26 miles, they will not get far. And the cow must also be properly prepared for lactation with a good dry cow program, Moser said. "Protein is often deficient in the dry cow program. Many people will balance and rebalance their lactating rations but don't consider the dry cows."

Dr. Tom Sweeney, Church & Dwight, Inc., said the only way you can provide the energy that the high producing cow needs is to

feed fat. "Cows in negative energy balance at the beginning of their lactation need a lot of energy to produce milk, maintain body condition and be reproductively active, Sweeney said. "Traditionally you did not feed fat because it impaired the animals ability to be efficient. But the new product Megalac is totally inert in the rumen and thereby gives the dairymen the opportunity to provide the energy to his cows as needed."

Other speakers included Dr. James Aldrich, Carl S. Akey, Inc. on the subject: "WCarbohydrate and Protein Nutrition of Dairy Cattle" and Don Lloyd and Jorge Estrada with the White Oak Mills products and services departments.

Lunch was served and products were exhibited here at the Country Table Restaurant.



At the White Oak dairy seminar are left to right, Don Bloyd, director, dairy department; Tom Sweeney, Church & Dwight, Inc.; and John Wagner, president, White Oak.

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10th CRP Results Released

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman recently announced that producers signed contracts to place an additional 475,175 acres of land into the Conservation Reserve Program following the 10th CRP sign-up March 4-15.

All told, CRP contracts have now been entered for 34,397,740 acres.

The most recent addition of 475,175 acres were enrolled on 8,601 contracts which went into effect during the 1991 crop year.

Data from the 11th CRP sign-up July 8-19 are not yet available. It has been reported that 1.12 million acres were tentatively accepted as a result of that sign-up.

Bids for the 12th CRP sign-up will be accepted by county offices of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service

June 15-26, 1992.

Veneman said enrollment trends are shifting away from the Mountain and Great Plains States toward the Cornbelt and other states east of the Great Plains.

"Many changes have been made to the CRP since the 10th sign-up including land eligibility criteria and processes that affect payment rates," Veneman said. "Because of these changes I strongly encourage those producers who earlier decided not to participate in the program to take another look at the CRP now."

In Pennsylvania, there were 367 bids, 60 contracts made on 1,952 acres, for an average rental price of \$57.44 per acre. The annual rental payment for the Keystone state is \$112,123. Nationally, for the 10th sign-up, the federal program will pay \$25,499,546 a year to landowners.

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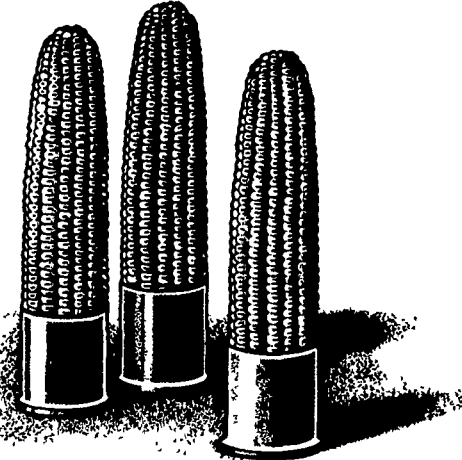
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