

Penn-Jersey Seminar To Focus On Top Milk Producers

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ALLENTOWN (Lehigh Co.) — Dairy farmers are to get an opportunity to hear from owners of some of the best producing dairy herds in Maryland, New York and Ohio during the 1992 Penn-Jersey Dairy Expo, scheduled to be held at two locations. The Penn-Jersey Dairy Expo is a dairy herd management and trade show which is sponsored by the county extension offices in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Organizers have traditionally offered seminars involving national and internationally recognized experts representing a variety of views and opinions on subjects of current interest.

This year's program is offered either at the Days Inn Conference Center in Allentown, on Jan. 8, or at the Oxford Fire Hall in Oxford, on Jan. 9.

Scheduled to start the day-long seminar (from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.) is Robert Yonkers, Ph.D., a Penn State University professor of agricultural economy. Yonkers is to talk about the economic outlook and management strategies.

Following Yonkers are to be presentations by a three-man panel of dairy producers from three states surrounding Pennsylvania and New Jersey whose herds were recently recognized by their respective state Dairy Herd Improvement associations (DHIAs) as outstanding.

Speakers are to be Roy Crow from Maryland, Ken Harrington of New York, and James Lewis of Ohio.

The afternoon session is feature a report on parasite control from Michael Sukhdeo, Ph.D., a parasitologist at Rutgers University, and a look at seasonal milking by

David Zartman, Ph.D., an animal scientist at Ohio State University. Of the top dairy producers to be part of the panel, their backgrounds and operations vary.

Roy and Sue Crow rent a 300-acre farm in Kennedyville, Md., from Roy's father. The couple currently has a 48-head milking string they milk three times a day.

The Crows had the top rolling herd average on Maryland herds with 90 or fewer cows for 1990-91 production year. Recently they sold 14 cows, but the larger herd had averaged 24,160 pounds of energy corrected milk (Maryland DHIA corrects for fat content), which correlates to an actual production of 23,868 pounds of milk, 859 pounds of fat and 727 pounds of protein.

With the reduced herd, their most recent production record came in at 23,945 pounds.

Roy is a 1977 graduate of the University of Maryland who returned to the home farm, purchased 23 bred heifers from his

father and 11 others from neighbors to get started in the dairy production business. His first year-end rolling herd average was 16,000 pounds of milk.

The couple feeds corn silage before milking and alfalfa haylage in an open bunker with free access to pasture. Also, to slow passage, Timothy hay is added occasionally.

Top dressing is with grain or with a manufactured pellet.

For those cows making more than 100 pounds of milk per day, and all first-calf heifers, get 5 pounds of a 25-percent protein pellet that contains a rumen bypass fat and undegradable protein. He substitutes the pellet for grain on a pound-for-pound basis.

They also have a 105.5 BAA, 1.8 services per conception with 43 percent first service conceptions and a calving interval of 13.7 months.

Up in Troy, New York, the Herrington family operates Herrington Farms Inc., which includes three

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Jim Lewis, left, stands with one of his favorite Holsteins and his father, Dick Lewis at their Orient Ohio farm. Jim is to be one of three panelists speaking at the 1992 Penn-Jersey Dairy Expo.



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