Purina Dairy Meeting Held

BIRD-IN-HAND (Lancaster Co.)---"First calf heifers are becoming the problem breeders,' said Dr. Harley Kooker, DVM. Kooker was speaking on reproductive challenges at the Hess Mill Purina farmers meeting Wednesday.

"The genetics in these young animals are such that they come in with the potential to milk 90 lbs. to 100 lbs., and they are basically still a juvenile. I don't think they are at the point where they can handle that kind of milk production at that age. The result is they are hard to get bred back."

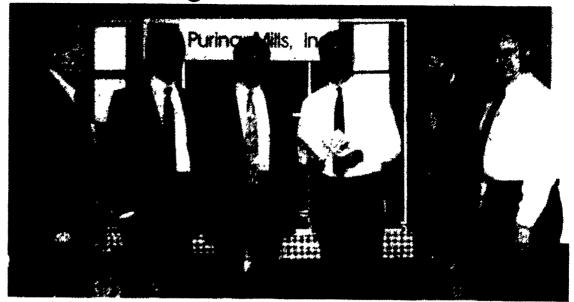
Dr. Randy Lyle compared dietary fats and their benefits and said you use fats in the diet to increase milk production and improve body condition. Economic gains can be made because the return on investof the added fat can make you 50 cents of additional milk income. Dr. Don Deitz said dairymen should pay special attention to the protein needs and the amount of protein that is available in the feed for high producing cows. He showed how to maximize profit by

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determining the level of intake needed for the high producing COW Larry Wile told the group of far-

mers in the Plain and Fancy Restaurant that you need to choose the best topdress to fit your herd's needs. Rick Kolb reported on the latest health products available to farmers.

Milk, coffee and donuts were available at the start of the meeting and lunch was served at noon.



At the Hess Mill Purina Chows dairy meeting are from left, Rick Kolb, Larry Wile, Dr. Randy Lyle, Dr. Don Deetz, Dr. Harley Kooker, and Phil Jaquith.

Announces Leadership Program Holstein Foundation

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. --- Dairy persons between 22 and 35 years may now apply to participate in a two-year Young Dairy Leaders Institute scheduled to begin February 1994.

The national program opens with a three-day leadership conference Feb. 10-12 in Tampa, Florida.

Development of the art of persuasion, public speaking, goalsetting and other interpersonal skills will be part of institute training.

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influencing the dairy industry ---government regulation, marketing mechanisms, regional differences, economics and advocacy groups - will be highlighted at the seminars.

Building on what they learn at the Institute, participants will expand their leadership opportunities in 1994.

Institute members will return the following year for a second conference in February 1995 to talk about their new "life leadership experiences."

The Foundation is currently

waging a fund-raising campaign to support the Institute.

Candidates should file applications by June 1, 1993. One hundred members will be selected with expenses paid for lodgings, meals and materials, plus travel stipend.

Young dairy persons, regardless of breed affiliation, may apply for Institute membership. Call the Foundation toll-free: 1-800-952-5200 or write Jason Devino, Holstein Foundation. 1 Holstein Place, Brattleboro, VT 05302-0816.



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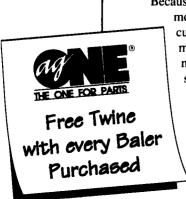
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