

# Fall Is Time To Catchup On Reproduction Work

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — The extended hot, humid weather of the last several months has had an adverse effect on the reproductive performance of many dairy herds.

As a result, extended calving intervals are projected for many

cows, and the situation will become worse if these cows do not conceive during the next month, a specialist in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences recently said.

"Since the weather has improved recently, herd managers should consider developing an

aggressive heat detection and artificial insemination program to detect most of these cows in heat during the next three or four weeks," said Dr. Michael O'Connor, professor of dairy and animal science. "This concerted effort toward heat detection and timely insemination is often referred to as an 'AI blitz.'"

All resources are directed to heat detection during this time, so the program should be implemented before the harvest season gets into full gear.

"Such a program includes more frequent, but routine, dedicated heat detection periods when cattle are likely to express heat," O'Connor said. "A list should be prepared daily of those cows due for insemination and those due to return to estrus after the last insemination. This enables more heats to be anticipated."

Heat detection aids and prostaglandin products can be used dur-

ing this period to enhance the program's efficiency.

"Several programs using prostaglandin products have been developed to control estrus and ovulation in groups of lactating cows so

that heat detection and insemination can be limited to a certain number of days," O'Connor said. "More cows are in heat simultaneously, so heat detection becomes more efficient and accurate."

"Such a program can be very useful and cost effective when properly applied to an AI blitz program."

The program should allow for the introduction of those cows that become eligible for first insemination after calving as well as those cows that do not conceive on the initial insemination.

If this summer's weather has hampered your herd's reproductive performance, consider utiliz-


ing an aggressive heat detection program early this fall. "Act now to catch up on getting cows pregnant," O'Connor said. "But keep in mind that this management strategy is not a substitute for routine heat detection during the rest of the year."

"Heat Detection in Dairy Cattle," a video available from Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, details factors affecting estrous behavior, timing of insemination and management practices that optimize heat detection efficiency. The video is available for \$35 from Ag Information Services, 119 Ag Administration Building, University Park, PA 16802.

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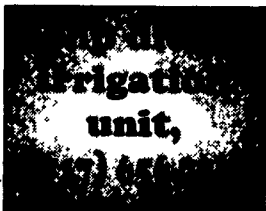
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From the left, Edward Brake, Raymond Shoemaker, and Lynn Eberly receive awards for, respectively, high milk production, low somatic cell count, and the county winner of the DHIA herd management award.

## Franklin DHIA Presents Awards

CHAMBERSBURG (Franklin Co.) — The Franklin County Dairy Herd Improvement Association held its annual meeting recently.

Several members were recognized for outstanding achievements.

Edward Brake, of Oakleigh Farms in Mercersburg, received an award for having the cow with the highest lifetime achievement. His Oakleigh Farm Penstar Terrie

made 269,706 pounds of milk in 10 lactations.

Brake also received recognition for serving on the county DHIA board of directors for 15 years.

Also recognized were Raymond Shoemaker, of Chambersburg who herd had the lowest somatic cell count in the county and the state at 65,000, and Lynn Eberly of Mt. Pleasant Farms, in Fayetteville, who was the winner of the county herd management award.

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