

# York To Host Four Seasons Of Grazing Teleconference

YORK (York Co.) — Dairy and livestock producers interested in rotational grazing are encouraged to attend the Four Seasons of Grazing Teleconference planned for Feb. 8 in Meeting Room 1 at the York County Extension Office.

Designed for individuals considering or already grazing livestock, this seminar will give participants an opportunity to visit, via videotape, three Pennsylvania farms using rotational grazing.

For a year-round look at the various operations, each farm is visited during each of the four seasons. The morning presentations and discussion will focus on the spring, summer and fall tapes. The afternoon satellite broadcast will feature the winter tape and will have a call-in question and answer session with the farmers featured in the videos and Marvin Hall, Penn State forage management specialist. The program begins

with registration at 9:30 a.m.

Farmers featured in the tape include Alex Linde and Millie Widmann, Lancaster County producers who have used rotational grazing for more than 30 years; Larry Lohr, a Somerset County producer who has been grazing nine years; and Garry VanDeWeert, a Bradford County producer who has been grazing for six years.

Discussion topics will address

the following questions: When and how do you start grazing in the spring? How important are water and shade in summer? What can be done when pasture growth slows in the summer? How late can you graze into the fall or winter? How do you stop grazing in the fall? How much does it cost to feed cows on pasture vs. in confinement? How does grazing manage-

ment change as the seasons change? How can calves and heifers be raised in a pasture-based dairy operation? How do experienced grazers adjust their grazing system each season?

Preregistration is requested. To register, contact Tim Beck at (717) 840-7408 at the York County Extension Office, 112 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402.

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## York Atlantic Dairy/Crops Day Set

YORK (York Co.) — Dairy producers are encouraged to attend the Wednesday, Feb. 14 Atlantic Dairy/Crops Day planned for the Shrewsbury Fire Hall.

The program begins with coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m. This year's York Atlantic Dairy/Crops Day will focus on corn silage.

With this year's dry weather, some dairy producers are experiencing lower than expected milk production if their rations include heavy use of corn silage. There are few things more important than producing high quality forages to achieve outstanding milk production.

Once forages have been harvested, the nutritionist can only build the best ration possible with the raw materials available — the producer's forages. At this session we will focus on the first step toward producing quality corn silage — selecting varieties best suited for silage.

Dr. Elwood Hatley from Penn State University will open the morning session with a discussion on what various research findings reveal about the differences in silage quality among various corn hybrids. Dr. Jud Heinrichs from the Penn State Dairy Nutrition Group will then discuss troubleshooting corn silage and haylage. Heinrichs will look at evaluating silage quality, determining appropriate chop lengths, evaluating preservatives and inoculants, and dealing with quality problems.

The corn silage segments will provide excellent background information for the dairy nutrition workshops planned for Feb. 22 and 29. These workshops will look at silage fermentation and the effect it can have on forage quality.

Emphasis will be on how to prevent problems in various structures. The use of silage additives and how to handle mycotoxins will be discussed.

York County will provide a host site for the Dairy Nutrition Satellite Conference at the extension office in meeting room 1. Advance registration is requested for both events.

To get the full picture on corn silage, plan to participate in both the Atlantic Dairy/Crops Day program and the Dairy Nutrition Satellite. The morning Dairy/Crops Day program will conclude with a discussion on interpreting Milk Urea Nitrogen (MUN) test results by Extension Agent Tim Beck. Because this test is relatively new, guidelines will be provided to help producers and their nutritionists interpret MUN test results.

Cost for the Dairy/Crops Day program is \$3.50/ticket. The Dairy/Crops Day is jointly sponsored by Atlantic Breeder's Cooperative and Penn State Cooperative Extension. Please register in advance for the meeting by calling Penn State Cooperative Extension at (717) 840-7408, or stop by the Extension Office at 112 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402.

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