

Cattlemen's Association Meets

KENNET SQUARE (Chester Co.)—On Thursday, Jan. 25, the Southeast Regional Cattlemen's Association held a meeting at the New Bolton Center discussing the Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratory System.

The meeting was led by Dr. Bob Poppenga, a toxicologist from New Bolton. The Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratory System is also referred to as PADLS.

The service is state subsidized and run through Pennsylvania State University, The University of Pennsylvania, and the Bureau of Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories.

The program offers pathology, parasitology, virology, and serology for a minimal fee. For instance, for a cattle necropsy, it would be \$60. Tests mandated by the Department of Agriculture and tests required for official herd/flock certification programs are exempt from user fees. In addition, testing of animals for export from Pennsylvania is conducted at half of the listed price. The service offers testing on horses, cattle, swine, goats, sheep, rabbits, poultry, wild and pet birds, zoo animals, wild and pet animals as well as disposal of animal carcasses.

The service is newly implemented and is a valuable tool for producers and animal owners that have an animal die of unknown causes. The animal owner can determine the cause of death whether from infectious disease, an environmental hazard such as poisonous plants or accident ingestion of a herbicide or pesticide, or death caused by contamination of feedstuffs whether grain

or forage.

For more information, call Penn State at (814) 863-0837, The University of Pennsylvania at (610) 444-5800, ext. 2211, or the Bureau of Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories at (717) 787-8808.

For information about the Southeast Regional Cattlemen's Association, call Bobbi McMullen at (717) 548-3282.

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Frederick County Milkers Schools Set

FREDERICK, Md. — Two of the principles of good milking management are to produce high quality milk — clean and normal, and to maintain good udder health and minimize mastitis.

Milking is the most important job on the dairy farm. Only those that enjoy milking and have the desire to consistently use recommended milking practices should be involved in the process of milking cows.

Four Milkers' Schools have been scheduled for Frederick County in February and March. These schools are designed to provide milkers with the latest information on milking techniques and associated practices.

Topics included are anatomy of the udder, milk letdown, somatic cells and the CMT, costs of mastitis, milking equipment performances, causes of mastitis, teat dipping, cleaning milking equipment, treatment and prevention of mastitis, milking techniques, residue avoidance, and much more.

Although the program is tar-

geted to the folks that are milking the cows, herdsmen and herd owners are encouraged to attend with the milkers to allow cooperative learning. All schools begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m.

Dates and places of each school are Feb. 13, Mt. Gate Restaurant, Thurmont; Feb. 16, Fredericktowne Baptist Church, Walkersville; Feb. 26, Dan Dee Restaurant, Frederick; and March 26, Fredericktowne Baptist Church, Walkersville.

The cost for all locations is \$20 per person. This registration fee will include lunch and reference materials. The registration deadline is one week prior to each school.

Please send check, payable to Frederick County EAC, to Ag Office, University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service, Frederick County Office, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick, MD 21702-8200. For more information, call (301) 694-1594 ext. 3576.

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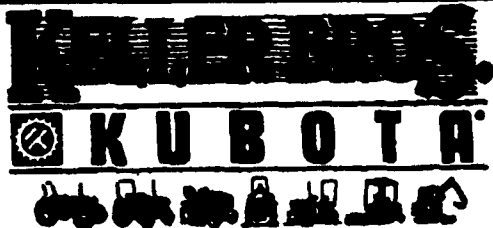
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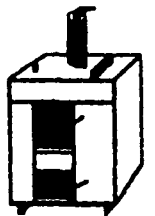
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