

Pa. State Grange Prepares For Legislative Session

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co) - Four speakers at the Pennsylvania State Grange's Pre-Convention Legislative Conference delivered essentially the same message; that activism ensures you have a voice in governmental affairs.

Discussing topics ranging from conservation to marketing agricultural products, the speakers said we need activism now more than ever.

"It's Important to be proactive when we address animal (nutrient) issues," Doug Goodlander of the State Conservation Commission, said. "The Grange played an active role in bringing about the nutrient management law, and we need to encourage farmers to get documented so those who question whether or not a farm is in compliance, can be told so."

Goodlander said the nutrient management law requires high density livestock and poultry operations to develop and implement an approved nutrient management plan.

"Farmers will look good as they step forward and participate in this program," Goodlander said. "It is a proactive statewide program that says you are concerned about water quality issues."

To learn if your farm is required by state law to comply with the program, contact your local Penn State Cooperative Extension office and request Agronomy fact sheets #40 and

#54.

Dr. Robert Whitlock, a veterinarian at the New Bolton center, said Johne's disease (pronounced "yo-knees") is an incurable, but controllable, disease in cattle that costs farmers money - especially those who don't even know it exists.

"Be pro-active," Whitecock said. "Be involved in testing your herd and then work to make others aware of it."

Johne's disease, Whitlock said, is in at least 25 percent of the herd population in Pennsylvania, and costs farmers \$227 per afflicted cow annually.

"If you believe an indemnity program is needed," Whitlock said. "Then it is going to have to come from the grass-roots level."

Whitlock, as well as the other speakers, came to present information on issues for the Grange's Standing Committees to discuss, and possibly, generate resolutions for consideration at the convention this fall in Meadville, Crawford County.

Dr. Les Lanyon, Penn State University, detailed the Dairy Network Partnership's Milk Marketing Initiative program. The program is geared to reward dairy farmers whose operations meet environmental standards.

"We're trying to build a bridge between farmers who are environmentally minded with consumers concerned about environmental issues," Lanyon said.

Although not finalized, participating farmers would receive



Dr. Robert Whitlock, from University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center, presents information on Johne's disease.

money from a pool based on a five-cent surcharge on every half-gallon of milk sold under the program.

Diane Wilson of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) reviewed the Citizens Volunteer Monitoring Program, designed to monitor water quality in Pennsylvania. Wilson said this program is needed since the state has 84,000 miles of waterways.

"The program consists of 70-plus groups, over 10,000 individuals and 1,500 water sampling

stations," Wilson said "The common bond is that these people have is a great love of water resources and the desire to see that these resources are around for future generations to enjoy."

Individuals or groups interested in learning more about this program can contact DEP at 717-787-3730 or e-mail Citizens.Monitoring@al.dep.state.pa.us via the Internet.

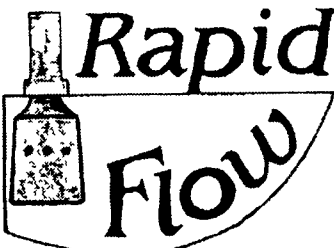


Dr. Les Lanyon, from Penn State University, discusses milk marketing initiatives.

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