

Calf, Heifer Management Workshop Set

GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.) and WASHINGTON BORO (Lancaster Co.) — Raising replacement heifers successfully is highly dependent on getting

every heifer calf off to a great start.

The Penn State Cooperative Extension Capitol Region Dairy Team recognizes the importance

of calf and heifer management and has coordinated two on-farm and hands-on programs that can help you or your employees to improve the calf and heifer program on your farm.

Mason Dixon Dairy Farm in Gettysburg will host the first program Feb. 5, and Rohrer Dairy Farms in Washington Boro will host the second program on Feb. 6. The program at each farm will be the same and includes presentations, demonstrations, hands-on learning opportunities, and a tour of the host farm. They will

begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

Dr. Jud Heinrichs will lead a discussion and presentation about improving colostrum management. Participants are encouraged to bring along at least one sample of colostrum from their farm. They will have the opportunity to learn about differences in colostrum quality and actually have a chance to measure the quality of their colostrum.

Dan McFarland, ag engineering agent, will present information about calf and heifer facilities. He will address key issues related to facility needs, requirements, and management. In addition, he will lead a discussion and tour of the host farm's calf and heifer facilities.

Vinton Smith, dairy management agent, will introduce calf and heifer management protocols and standard operating procedures (SOPs). SOPs can help you and your employees to improve the quality of routine care they provide to your calves.

Additional topics during the on-farm programs will include biosecurity, vaccination protocols, milk replacer, calf starter, rumen development, and Calf-Track, a new calf health monitoring program being developed by Heinrichs. The program will end with a discussion about "Where do you go from here?" and "How can you apply the concepts and practices discussed during the day on your farm?"

These programs will be helpful to both large and small farms. Owners, managers, or employees of dairy farms are encouraged to attend. Cost of the programs is \$35 and includes lunch and materials. For more information about this program or to register, call customer service at Penn State Cooperative Extension in York County at (717) 840-7408 or e-mail vsmith@psu.edu.

Frank Long Is Pa.'s 2002 Fairperson Of The Year

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs (PSACF) has recently honored Frank Long, Tyrone, with the "Fairperson of the Year" award at their recent convention in Hershey.

The director of Sinking Valley Fair for 25 years, Long helped oversee the move from leasing a small lot to a present 15-acre site. Sinking Valley's farm show now owns six permanent buildings, tractor pull track, large show ring, tent area, parking for 1,000 cars and a permanent lease for an additional 30 acres, taking the fair from Class E to Class A.

"His consistent desire for details and working with each committee has resulted in a fair ground that is attractive for year round use," said Jack DeMuth, treasurer of the Sinking Valley farm show.

Long has served as president of the Sinking Valley Fair for 17 years.

PA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FAIRS



Frank Long, Tyrone, recently received the "Fairperson of the Year" for 2002 at the PSACF Convention in Hershey.

Frank is a consistent attendee of the PSACF convention. In addition he has perfect attendance at the International Association of Fairs and Exhibitions. Long and his wife, Sarah Jane, have attended 100 fairs throughout the eastern U.S. and have visited fairs and expositions in foreign countries as well.

Long has been elected to the state executive committee for 16 years. He has also served on many state committees and is presently co-chairman of the queen committee with his wife. He has also served as the PSACF president for two years.

They have eight children who are very involved in their local fairs.

Long operated a dairy farm for 38 years. He was also an FFA teacher at Tyrone High School and a Blair County 4-H leader.

Now retired from dairying, Long operates more than 300 acres of crops and dairy replacements.

Long has also received the Community Service Award from Sinking Valley Grange 484 and was recognized by Blair County Farm Bureau with a good leader award.

He has been Blair county's Farm Bureau director and president of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau for nine years. In addition he has served as chairman of Blair County Conservation District for six years

and Farm Director for 19 years.

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ment and many hand-tools used on Ukrainian farms. "Part of my job was to make recommendations to help them make money to get equipment," he said. For example, he recommended to cooperative members that they should increase their cow numbers to make butter and cheese for market.

Many of the farmers in the pictures were women. "Ladies seem to do most of the farming and if the husband could find a job elsewhere, he did," he said.

Almost every home had a vineyard, and Brubaker was able to visit a winery and food processing plant.

Ukrainians who could prove that their family owned ground before communism began its reign in the country can now reclaim that ground, said Brubaker. The climate and rich soil is comparable to Pennsylvania.

Also during his visit he attended an agriculture exhibition, where standholders displayed their food products. Brubaker was also asked to speak at the exhibition, and was able to tell the audience about Pennsylvania and compare the commonwealth to the Ukraine.

On the lighter side, he paid several cents for a lottery ticket and was the lucky winner of a sheep, to the delight of the Ukrainians. After leading the animal around at the event, he left it at the host home.

Other highlights included picking mushrooms in the forest and purchasing 25 fruit trees for a cooperative, which the Ukrainians dubbed "Luke's Lane."

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