

PDMP To Present Nutrient Management Tips

MARTINSBURG (Blair Co.) — The Kulp Family Dairy, Inc., and the Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania (PDMP) invite dairy producers and advisors to attend “Balancing Act” — Reality and Responsibilities of Nutrient Management, a PDMP Membership Meeting to be conducted at the dairy and at Morrison’s Cove Memorial Park on Oct. 10.

Phil Kulp, partner in the 1,300-cow dairy, will talk about his component system, stewardship, and community relations. Phil admits the learning curve is steep, “I can’t possibly know all the regulations and I don’t know everything about managing the separate components,” he said.

Phil’s nutrient management advisors, Bill Fink with TeamAg, Marty Campfield from Nutrient Solutions, Inc., and Steve Shaw from Cargill will be speaking about how the Kulp’s are implementing regulations, collecting and utilizing data, and testing phosphorus-based feeding. Alyssa Dodd, Agricultural Environmental Policy expert from Penn State Cooperative Extension, will help dairy producers sort through the regulations and offer resources.

The cost for this meeting is \$10 for PDMP members and \$50 for non-members. The program runs from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch is included. Contact

PDMP or one of the sponsors for a special rate for producers who are interested in joining the organization.

Reservations are required. Please send your payment and RSVP by Oct. 1 to Tammy Perkins: 324 Henning Building, University Park, PA 16802 or call toll free at (888) 373-7232, fax (814) 865-4686, or e-mail at tap10@psu.edu.

For more information visit the Website <http://www.das/psu.edu/pdmp/> or contact Beth Moore, special projects coordinator at beth@innernet.net or (717) 375-2910.

Milking Robots

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Whether new or existing, housing facilities for use with milking robots must promote clean comfortable cows with a desire to walk and visit the robot. Cows with mobility problems or dirty cows will seriously impact the productivity of the robot. Robot location must also consider access for the operator and assure that the environment around the milking side of the robot is clean, well ventilated and free from flies. Always consider flexibility for future changes such as addition of more cows and robots or even removal of the robot and installation of a conventional parlor. Who knows what the future will bring?

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