

Winter Dairy Grazing Conferences Set

ITHACA, N.Y. — There will be a series of grazing conferences for dairy farmers around New York State the week of Jan. 13-18.

These conferences will feature Larry Shearer, a dairy farmer from western Massachusetts, and Dave Surprenant, a dairy farmer from Illinois, as keynote speakers.

Larry Shearer transformed his small dairy farm from confinement to pasture-based and then to seasonal calving and found that each step resulted in improved profitability and way of life. Dave Surprenant, a regular adviser to the *Graze* newspaper, farms in the midst of corn and soybean country, yet

has found grazing to be a key component to his successful farm. He has also begun experimenting with irrigating his pastures. Both will share how their farms have changed and how grazing has helped get their farms to where they are now.

In addition to the two keynote addresses, there will be talks and/or panel discussions de-

signed by farmers that address issues of local concern at each of the individual conference sites. The conferences will take place Jan. 13 in Delhi, Jan. 14 in Cobleskill, Jan. 15 in Cortland, Jan. 16 in Belfast, Jan. 17 in Carthage, and Jan. 18 in Clinton County.

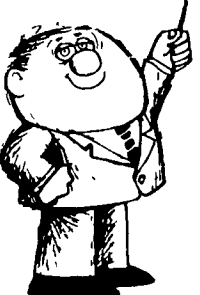
There will be a modest charge to cover the cost of lunch and

conference materials. These conferences are made possible by the Cornell Small Farms program, the New York State Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative, and the New York Pasture Association. For more information, call Dan Demaine at (607) 753 5213.

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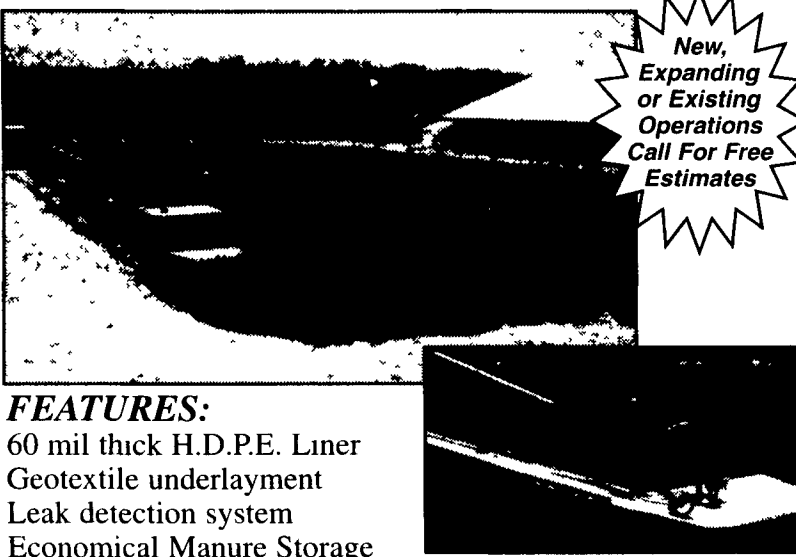
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