## Dairy Farms And Phosphorus Regulations Workshop Set

CHAMBERSBURG (Franklin Co.)—Penn State Dairy Alliance and PEACCE will conduct a Dairy-PR workshop in Franklin County on Feb. 26. In this instance, PR does not stand for public relations, but rather phosphorus regulations. The objective of this program is to answer a very simple question: "What do I need to know about phosphorus?"

The answers to this question will encompass issues related to the environment, regulations, financial assistance, dairy cattle nutrition, and agronomy. The target audience is anyone who wants to receive more information about how phosphorus regulations will impact their business and the options available to deal with the regulations being enforced. This includes the feed industry, veterinarians, producers, agronomists, and conservation specialists. The program is meant to supply very practical and applied information about phosphorus and regulations.

PEACCE, or Pennsylvania Environmental Agricultural Conservation Certification of Excellence, is a proactive program promoting environmentally safe agricultural practices among livestock producers. The morning program will begin with Robb Meinen, head of the PEACCE program. He will cover environmental awareness, manure and nutrient application, odor, gaseous emissions, and nui-

sance issues.

Alyssa Dodd, Penn State specialist in agricultural environmental policy, will cover the main regulatory issues that are the most important to dairy operations. She will also provide information related to the new CAFO regulations.

Roy Richardson from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will discuss the financial assistance available to producers.

In the afternoon, Jennifer Weld from USDA-ARS and Virginia Ishler will work through an example herd demonstrating the impact phosphorus nutrition has on the phosphorus index.

The program is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse Restaurant, Chambersburg. The registration fee is \$10 per person. Make checks payable to Penn State. More information on the program can be obtained by contacting Virginia Ishler at (814) 863-3912 or by e-mailing vishler@psu.edu.

Pre-registration by Feb. 21 is recommended. Mail checks to: Virginia Ishler, 324 Henning Building, University Park, PA 16802.

Directions: Take I-81 to Scotland, Exit 20. Take Rt. 997 north three miles to U.S. 11, then south on Rt. 11 about one mile to Lighthouse Restaurant on right.

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