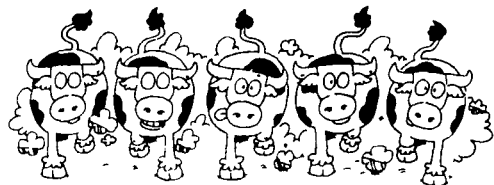


# Ohio Scientists Promote Animal Nutrition South Of The Border

WOOSTER, Ohio—Three animal sciences professors with the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) have made a difference for people in the Latin American food-animal industry.

For the past eight years, Bill Weiss, Jeff Firkins, and Don Mahan have taught courses on dairy cattle and swine nutrition at the Escuela Centroamericana de Ganaderia (ECAG), a livestock production technical institute based in the rural community of Atenas, Costa Rica.

"These courses have exposed Latin American professionals to the latest animal production techniques," said Francisco Romero, ECAG general director. "The instructors have shown the highest level of knowledge and experience and have provided us with very useful tools that can be applied to production in the tropics."



The yearly, one-week courses taught by Weiss, Firkins and Mahan are organized by the Latin American Nutrition Center for Continuing Education (LANCE), an initiative of the American Soybean Association funded through the USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service.

"My experience with the people who attend the course has been excellent," said Mahan, who teaches about swine nutrition and management practices. "They are highly motivated and eager to learn. They are also very friendly, intelligent and easy to get to know."

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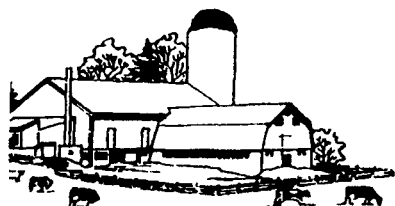
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