

Making The Leap To Organic Dairy Production

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helpful to be able to develop a network of other farmers, advisers, etc. to help with the transition to organic management and refinement once certified. In my area, we have an organic dairy farm discussion group facilitated by Cornell Cooperative Extension. I also interact with an informal network as well. The Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance (NODPA) exists and works to help network organic dairy farmers in the northeast and beyond. This is facilitated through a quarterly newsletter, email discussions, a web page, and an annual field day/conference. Many other organizations in the Northeast sponsor farm tours, workshops, and conferences designed to meet the needs of organic farmers.

Each farmer considering organic must decide whether or not this is a fit for their farm, family, and for them personally. One must consider the economics, the extra management involved — including the extensive paperwork — the new challenges it will bring and the old ones it will leave behind, and whether or not the basic philosophy is a fit with one's personal attitudes, beliefs, habits, and mindset.

To order an organic dairy resource and contact list from Cornell University please, call Faye Butts at (607) 254-7412 or email to fsb1@cornell.edu.

The cost is \$12 to cover printing and postage.

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A.I. Fact Sheet Revised

“Reviewing Artificial Insemination Technique” is available from the Publications Distribution Center, The Pennsylvania State University, 112 Agricultural Administration Bldg., University Park, PA 16802.

The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide a review for those already familiar with A.I. technique, with special emphasis on reproductive anatomy, sanitation, and accuracy of semen deposition.

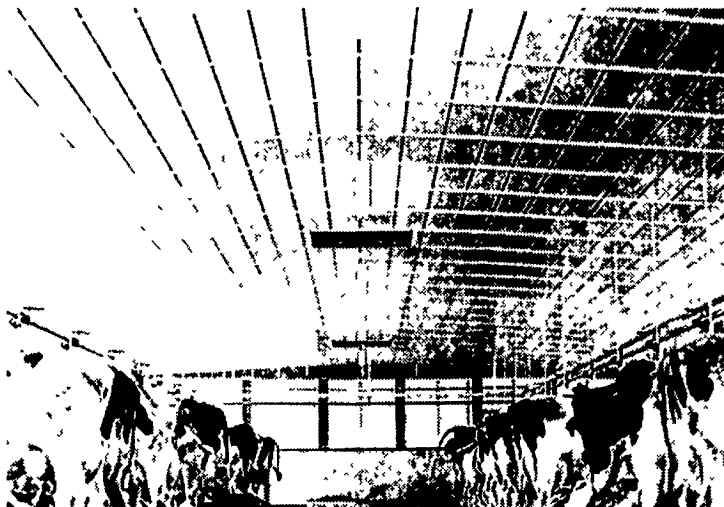
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