## **Northeast Dairy Students To Take The Challenge**

COBLESKILL, N.Y. — On Oct. 24 and 25, up to 80 of the Northeast's top dairy students will participate in the first Northeast Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge, hosted by the State University of New York.

Students invited to the event will be from such states as New York, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and New Hampshire.

This innovative event, known as the Dairy Challenge, enables students to apply their life and academic knowledge to real-world dairy farming, while

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reduced. This is just another tool in a systematic approach to reproductive management.

Caution: do not use PG in this resynch program, as PG will induce embryonic death in the pregnant cows within this group.

Discuss these different strategies with your veterinarian and other members of your management team to determine if they can enhance the reproductive performance of the herd. working as part of five-person preassigned student teams from colleges and universities throughout the Northeast.

Day one of the challenge will begin with each team receiving actual production, financial, nutrition, reproduction and management information about an assigned dairy operation. Each team will have the opportunity to tour the farm operation, complete a thorough analysis of the operation and meet with the farm's management team. Following the visit, team members will formulate their analysis and recommendations. On day two, students will present their evaluation and recommendations to a panel of industry judges.

This event also will serve as an opportunity for dairy producers and industry representatives to meet prospective young employees. To become a sponsor of the Northeast Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge, contact Sheila Marshman, Morrisville State College, (315) 684-6106, Marshm-SA@MORRISVILLE.EDU; or Barry Putnam, Genex Cooperative, (800) 333-9007, Ext. 6120, bputnam@crinet.com.

