

# Penn State's Dairymen's Club Seeks Members

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — The Penn State Dairymen's Club is gearing up for another successful year and is seeking enthusiastic Penn State alumni involvement.

The Dairymen's Club, the alumni group formed in 1977, encourages the development of strong dairy science instruction, research and extension programs at the university. Membership is comprised of alumni, faculty, and friends of Penn State and the Department of Dairy and Animal Science.

The club is soliciting dedicated Penn State and Pennsylvania dairy industry enthusiasts to become members. A three-year membership is \$15 per person and a lifetime membership is \$50 per person. Also, nominations are being sought for the new board of directors to be elected this fall at the annual meeting. Submit board of director nominations by Oct. 1 to Jean Kummer at (215) 627-8800, ext. 26 or by e-mail at [jkummer@milk4u.org](mailto:jkummer@milk4u.org).

In 2000, the Dairyman's Club began selling pint-sized commemorative milk bottles to support Penn State Dairy Science student scholarships. In 2002, the Penn State Dairymen's Club Award for Freshmen Students was established. As a result of the popularity of the milk bottles and individual contributions, the club is halfway to funding the \$10,000 endowment.

The Fifth Edition milk bottle will be unveiled at the Dairymen's Club Annual Meeting on Friday, Nov. 7 at Celebration Hall in State College. In addition, a five-year collectible set will be available for purchase. Look for more details as the event draws nearer.

For more information about the Penn State Dairymen's Club activities or to sign up for membership, contact Nicole Over, secretary-treasurer, at (607) 739-8820 or by e-mail at [Nicole.Over@pfizer.com](mailto:Nicole.Over@pfizer.com) or Jean Kummer, president, at (215) 627-8800, ext. 26 or by e-mail at [jkummer@milk4u.org](mailto:jkummer@milk4u.org).



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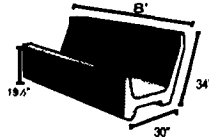


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The biggest benefit to me is the labor savings. Two people can handle all the chores for our herd. I save money not only on labor but also on repairs.

The cows' hooves are healthier, and they show heat better because they are not afraid of slipping. During the five years with slats, I have not lost a single heifer from slipping. The cows stay much cleaner, even with my misting system for cooling them. The water has a place to escape.

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"Our original plan was to install scrapers. But after 10 minutes in a slatted barn in Somerset County, we changed our minds. Some people stay away from slats because of the initial cost, but that extra cost is made up for in the first couple years.

The one thing I like the most about slats is that there is no expense I don't have any scrapers or drive units to maintain. I don't have to run scrapers every day or haul manure like we did in our previous tie stall barn. The cows' foot health has been a lot better, and the cows stay much cleaner. Our milk production is up and the somatic cell count has gone down. I give at least some of the credit to the slats because with less moisture on the floor, there is less bacteria."

- David Wolfskill

"We would use  
slats again if  
doing it all over!"