

Dairy Feed Management

Workshops show how to write feed management plan

Learn how to write a feed management plan at one of two workshops coming in April. The one-day workshops will combine classroom and on-farm instruction. Participants who attend a workshop and complete the plan can use this as one of the two plans required to be a technical service provider. (See article at right)

Dates and locations are:

April 2 – Oregon Dairy Restaurant, Lititz, Pa.

April 16 – Penn State Cooperative Extension Office in Franklin County, Chambersburg, Pa.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$15; register with a check payable to Penn State or register online with your VISA or MasterCard. For details: <http://www.das.psu.edu/dairy-alliance/education/feeding-management>

Fecal testing details online

Agricultural Analytical Services Laboratory has added information on fecal/manure testing for certified feed management planners on its website: <http://www.aasl.psu.edu/manureprgnew.html>

Welcome to this issue of *Dairy Feed Management*, a monthly publication featuring news of interest to certified feed management planners. For more about feed management issues, visit:

<http://dairyalliance.psu.edu/resources/feed-management-planners/>



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Online process now available for those who want Technical Service Provider listing

Nutritionists interested in becoming a certified Feed Management Specialist and listed as a Technical Service Provider may do so by completing NRCS' online process on the TechReg website at <http://techreg.usda.gov>.

An eAuthentication LogIn and password are required and may be initiated from the TechReg website. After the eAuthentication process, applicants will complete an online profile, listing such credentials as education requirements, certification requirements, work experience, and references. Credentials will be reviewed by the state TSP coordinator.

In addition, TSP applicants will be prompted to complete a TSP orientation course, as well as Conservation Planning Modules 1-5 on the AgLearn website. Registration and completion of these courses may be initiated from the TechReg website.

Applicants may select the categories and states for certification. In this case, Feed Management would be the category. Next, your request for certification is submitted to the TSP coordinator in the specified states for review.

After review, certifications are granted for those who have met all the qualifications. Upon certification, the newly certified TSP is added to a public list of Feed Management Specialists. NRCS customers will use this list to make selections for hiring a consultant for assistance in writing and implementing feed management plans.

Any questions about the process can be directed to the TSP Coordinator in your state. For a directory:

<http://techreg.usda.gov/RptStateContact4Admin.aspx>

Consultants in the MidAtlantic Region may contact the following in their state:

Maryland: Tim Pilkowski (443) 482-2962; tim.pilkowski@md.usda.gov

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New York: Paul Webb (315) 477-6529; paul.webb@ny.usda.gov

Pennsylvania: Travis Watkins (717) 237-2147; travis.watkins@pa.usda.gov

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Manure Du Jour series features best practices

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.—Research and practices for Pennsylvania's animal agricultural operations and best protection of air and water quality are the focus of a weekly lunch hour program, *Manure Du Jour: Serving Pennsylvania's Best Practices on Animal Ag, Water-, and Air Quality*, offered January 14 through April 16.

Manure Du Jour is an educational program open to producers, agencies, agribusinesses, consultants, and others. The webinar series features experts from Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences and Cooperative Extension, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Pa. State Conservation Commission, USDA Agricultural Research Service, Michigan State University, and the Pa. Agricultural Ombudsman program. An online question and answer period takes place following the speaker presentations, enabling participants to interact with the featured experts.



Details for accessing the webinar are found at "[Manure Du Jour: Serving Pennsylvania's Best on Animal Ag, Water-, and Air Quality](#)".

Participants will need a high speed internet connection and computer. Those who do not have access are encouraged to contact their County Extension office.

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Cooperative Extension are joined in sponsorship of the Lunchtime Webinar Series by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (PA Office), State Conservation Commission, Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, and Pennsylvania Agricultural Ombudsman Program.

The webinar schedule and archived copies of the previous presentations can be found at <http://www.aec.cas.psu.edu/news/manurewebinar.asp> For more information, contact Virginia Ishler vishler@psu.edu.

EQIP funds available for feed plans

The USDA NRCS is again funding the development and implementation of feed management plans for cattle operations in Pennsylvania for fiscal year 2009 through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Applications are currently being accepted at local USDA NRCS field offices. Interested producers may apply at their local office.

Feed management has been identified as a high priority practice this year for the program. Any applications submitted for feed management will be evaluated for producer and operation eligibility and then ranked for placement in priority for the planning and contracting phase of the process. For more information on feed management and EQIP, contact your local USDA NRCS office or look online at www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov and go to the Farm Bill tab and look for EQIP.

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Recommend this workshop on efficiency to your clients

LANCASTER, Pa.—Precision feeding and no-till planting are integral parts of efficient dairy farming and can be implemented by any size farm. Precision feeding is a cost-effective way to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus levels in manure. Feeding cows to more accurately meet their requirements also improves efficiency and decreases feed costs. No-till crop production reduces planting costs and soil erosion.

Sarah Dinh and Jeff Graybill from Penn State Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County will present **Efficient Farming for Small-Scale Dairies** from 9:30 a.m.–noon on February 19 in Kinzers, Pa., February 20 in Quarryville, Pa., and February 25 in New Holland, Pa. Please recommend this program to your clients. For more information, contact Sarah Dinh at 717-394-6851 or visit: [www.das.psu.edu/dairy-alliance/pdf/Efficient Farming for Small-Scale Dairy Farms final.pdf](http://www.das.psu.edu/dairy-alliance/pdf/Efficient_Farming_for_Small-Scale_Dairy_Farms_final.pdf)

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