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2002 Mid-Atlantic Dairy Grazing Conference

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2002 Mid-Atlantic Dairy Grazing Conference - Hickory, NC - July 29-31

This grazing conference agenda is excellent. I encourage grazing enthusiasts to attend. Advance registration is due before July 20, 2002.

Park Inn Gateway Conference Center, Hickory NC
Phone: 828-328-5101 Fax: 828-328-8943

Monday - July 29th

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| 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. | Registration/View Exhibits |
| 2:30 p.m. | Welcome and Overview of Conference
<i>Dr. Steve Washburn, North Carolina State University,
Department of Animal Science</i> |
| 2:40 p.m. | International Dairy Grazing Systems
<i>Moderator: Dr. Geoff Benson, NCSU</i> |
| 2:45 p.m. | Dairy Grazing Systems in Argentina
<i>Mr. Ronaldo Vibart, NCSU Graduate Student</i> |
| 3:15 p.m. | Perspectives on Dairy Production Approached
Within the European Quota System
<i>Dr. Pat Dillon, Moorepark, Republic of Ireland</i> |
| 3:40 p.m. | Structural Changes in the New Zealand Dairy
Industry - Staying Competitive in a Global Market
<i>Dr. Eric Kolver, Dexcel Ltd. Of New Zealand</i> |
| 4:15 p.m. | General discussion with previous speakers |
| 5:00 p.m. | Adjourn: Free time, Visit Exhibit Areas |
| 6:30 p.m. | Dinner at Conference Center |
| 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. | Farmer Panel Discussion
<i>Moderator: Mr. Jerry Swisher</i>
<i>VPI farmer participants to be named</i> |
- Topics:
- Farm Structure and Layout (cows, forages, land, infrastructure)
 - Farm Goals: Business and Personal
 - "Planning for Profitability Even When You Don't Have Grass"
 - Feed Resource Management Strategies
 - Transitional Feeding From Winter to Spring, Fall to Winter, or In and Out of Droughts"
 - Practices That Did or Did Not Work on My Farm

Tuesday - July 30th

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

8:00 - 8:35 a.m.

8:35 - 9:10 a.m.

9:10 - 9:45 a.m.

Continental Breakfast, Exhibit Area
Cool-Season Forage Grasses for Dairy Cattle, Ryegrass Variety Trials, Enhanced Fescues, etc.

Dr. Jim Green, NCSU

Break-Out Topics (participants can attend 2 of 3 topics)

a) **Dairy Grazing Budgets-Start-up Costs and Strategies.**

Dr. Geoff Benson, NCSU

Dr. Gordon Groover, VPI

b) **Feeding Strategies for Managing a US Dairy Grazing Herd**

Dr. Eric Kolver, Dexcel Ltd., N.Z.

c) **Extended Grazing Seasons in Spring and Fall**

Dr. Ed Rayburn, WVU

Break - Visit Exhibits

Panel Discussion: Value-Added Pasture-Based Dairy Products

Moderator: Peggy Dreschler

Panelists: Helen Feete, VA, Randy Fisher, NC, Forrest Stricker, PA

Topics:

- Issues in Getting Started
- Pitfalls to Avoid
- Organic Certification
- Types of Products
- Marketing Strategies
- Plans for the Future

11:30 - 12:15 p.m.

12:30 p.m.

Lunch at Conference Center

Load Buses/Vans for Trip to Lucky-L Jerseys (Dennis & Mary Beth Leamon)

1:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Pasture Walk and Discussion at Leamon Farm

Topics:

- **Farm Layout**
 - **Average Pasture Cover**
 - **Management System**
- Dr. Leamon et al.*
- **Forage Identification/Quality Ranking Exercise**
 - **Growth Characteristics of Forage Species**

Dr. Ray Smith, VPI

Jim Green, NCSU

- **Use of Electronic Fly Trap to Control Horn Flies**

Dr. Wes Watson, NCSU

Tuesday - July 30th, cont'd

4:00 p.m.

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

Load Buses/Vans for Travel to Piedmont Jerseys (Corey and Bridgette Lutz)

- Overview of Farm Layout
 - Farm and Farm Goals
 - Dairy Management System
- Supper catered at the farm
- Pasture walk, discuss pasture cover, species used, pasture budgeting, and the role of dung beetles in nutrient recycling.

Return to Conference Center

Wednesday - July 31st

7:00 - 8:10 a.m.

8:10 to 8:45 a.m.

8:45 to 9:20 a.m.

9:20 - 9:45 a.m.

9:45 - 11:45 a.m.

9:45 - 10:15 a.m.

10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

10:45 - 11:15 a.m.

11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

11:45 - 12:00 Noon

12:00 Noon

Continental Breakfast, Exhibit Area
Session 2 Break-out Topics
(Can choose to attend 2 of the 3)

a) **Internal Parasite Control Strategies**

Dr. Ernest Hovingh, VPI

b) **Balancing Energy and Protein: Using Grass Efficiently in The Cow**

Dr. Carl Polan, VPI

c) **Reproductive Management of Pastured Dairy Cows**

Dr. Steve Washburn, NCSU

Break, Visit Exhibits

Panel Discussion: Dairy Grazing Genetics "Horses For The Courses?"

Dr. Steve Washburn, NCSU

Comparing Genetic Types and Crossbreeding in Ireland

Dr. Pat Dillon, Moorepark, IE

US Holsteins vs. NZ Friesians in NZ

Dr. Eric Kolver, Dexcel, Ltd., NZ

Crossbreeding possibilities for Dairy Cattle in the US

Dr. Bennet Cassel, VPI

General Discussion

Conference Evaluation

Adjourn - Travel Safely

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