

## **News from the Northern New York Cornell Cooperative Extension Associations**

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### **Hoof Health Focus of Northern NY Dairy Institute Workshops October 16-November 8**

Dairy cow lameness can negatively impact milk production, reproductive success, farm costs, and public perception of how well a farm cares for its cows. To help farmers better assess and treat lameness, the Northern New York Dairy Institute will hold a series of four 10:30am-3pm workshops from October 16 through November 8 at sites across the region.

The Northern New York Dairy Institute Hoof Health Workshops will be a combination of classroom and on-farm sessions organized by Cornell Cooperative Extension and held on:

- Tuesdays: October 16, 23, 30 and November 6 at Jefferson and Lewis County locations
- Wednesdays: October 17, 24, 31 and November 7 in St. Lawrence County
- Thursdays: October 18, 25, and November 1 and 8, at Franklin/Clinton/Essex County locations.

Those interested in attending may register for one session at \$35/session or for the series of four at \$100/series. FSA Borrower Credits are pending. Registration one week prior to each session is appreciated.

“Controlling lameness is a major priority for the dairy industry. This hoof health series of Dairy Institute workshops will help farmers develop and implement a lameness reduction program for their farms,” says Northern NY Dairy Institute co-organizer Ron Kuck, a dairy and livestock educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension Jefferson County.

The Week 1 classroom and on-farm sessions on October 16, 17 and 18 will cover hoof anatomy, locomotion scoring, hoof maintenance and proper hoof trimming with John Anderson of Lake Effect Hoof Trimming Service.

The Week 2 sessions on October 23, 24 and 25 will cover hoof diseases and treatment, the causes and the cost, and how to handle lame cows with Dr. Jan Shearer of the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine via weblink and on-farm with local dairy professionals.

The Week 3 sessions on October 30, 31 and November 1 will cover animal welfare practices by applying the New York State Cattle Health Assurance Program (NYSCHAP) hoof health module and Dairy Beef Quality Assurance Program protocols with Cornell University Beef Extension Specialist Dr. Mike Baker. The on-farm sessions will offer a NYSCHAP walk-through audit and how-to address the media and public with American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Public Relations Specialist Beth Meyers.

The Week 4 sessions on November 6, 7 and 8 will cover hoof problem prevention and the importance of cow comfort and body condition scoring. The on-farm session will cover how to handle lame cows with an emphasis on infectious claw disease. Jeff Wheeler of Zinpro, Eden Prairie, MN, and other agricultural industry leaders will lead these sessions.

For more information and to register for the Northern New York Dairy Institute Hoof Health Workshops, contact the local CCE office:

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