

Understanding Organics and Grazing: Livestock Health and Management II

Arden J. Nelson, DVM (Windsor Dairy): Dr. Nelson is a veterinarian and nutrition consultant, formerly from Upstate NY. He and his wife, Dr. Meg Cattell, operate a certified organic dairy, cheesemaking and bottling facility in Windsor, CO. Dr. Nelson will share their experiences as conventional dairy consultant, dairy researcher, conventional dairymen, organic dairymen, and now grass fed, certified organic raw milk and cheese producers

Emily Brown-Rosen (Pennsylvania Certified Organic): Ms. Brown-Rosen Emily Brown Rosen (B.S., M.S. Rutgers, Ag Science and Horticulture) has been involved in organic certification, technical support to farmers, and materials review since 1992. She currently serves as Policy Director for Pennsylvania Certified Organic, a USDA accredited certification agency. She also provides technical, educational, and research services for other organic certifiers and organizations. Previously, Emily served as Policy Director for the Organic Materials Review Institute, was involved in researching and writing Technical Advisory Panel reviews for the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB). She is an active participant in public comments to the the NOSB and USDA National Organic Program, and serves on advisory boards for CCOF (CA Certified Organic Farmers), NOFA-NJ (Northeast Organic Farming Assoc. of NJ) and MOSA (Midwest Organic Services Assoc.).

Jerry Brunetti (Agri-Dynamics): Mr. Brunetti is the founder of Agri-Dynamics, a company dedicated to the production of holistic remedies for farm livestock, equine and companion animals. He has a degree in Animal Science from North Carolina State University and has served as Dairy Director for the National Farmers' Organization. Mr. Brunetti will discuss veterinary botanicals for herd health on organic and grazing dairies.

Heather Darby, PhD (University of Vermont): Dr. Darby is an Agronomic and Soils Specialist for UVM Extension. She was raised on a Vermont dairy farm which she now operates a diversified certified organic farm with her partner, Ron Herrmann. They market organic vegetables and operate a custom grazing service for local farms, supporting 80 head of certified organic cattle during the grazing season. Dr. Darby is on the Board of Directors for the Organic Farming Research Foundation and is a member of eOrganic. Dr. Darby will share her insights on successfully growing summer annuals, forages and grains.

Glen Dupree, DVM (For the Animals): Dr. Dupree is a 1982 graduate of the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine, where he received his training in the techniques and applications of conventional allopathic medicine. He completed Dr. Richard Pitcairn's Professional and advanced courses in Veterinary Homeopathy and has studied with human homeopaths in the U.S. and abroad. In 1997 he qualified as a Certified Veterinary Homeopath through the Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy. Dr. Dupree will present "Homeopathy on the dairy farm: practical uses".

Karen Hoffman (USDA-NCRS): Ms. Hoffman is an animal scientist and the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative Coordinator with USDA-NCRS, based in Norwich, NY. Ms. Hoffman works with dairy and beef farmers across New York State who rotationally graze their animals, providing advice on feeding management to these farmers to help them keep their costs of production low. She will discuss grazing management and grazing behavior and in a second workshop, dairy nutrition and mineral needs on pasture.

Hubert Karreman, VMD (Penn Dutch Cow Care): Dr. Karreman has been a dairy practitioner in Lancaster County, PA for the past 11 years and works with 85 certified and transitioning organic herds. Within the last year, he has been an invited speaker at the annual meetings of the American Veterinary Medical Association, American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association, Maine Veterinary Medical Association and the New York State Veterinary Medical Society. He is author of *Treating Dairy Cows Naturally* (Acres USA, 2007) and has authored chapters in *The Veterinary Clinics of North America*, *Veterinary Herbal Medicine*, *Global Perspectives of Organic Agriculture*, and *Alternative Livestock Health Practices*.

Anne Malleau (Executive Director, Animal Compassion Foundation): Ms. Malleau has studied and worked in applied animal welfare for over 10 years. She completed a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (Major: Animal Science), and a Master of Science in Animal Behaviour and Welfare at the University of Guelph in Guelph, Ontario, Canada. She worked with Drs. Spencer Henson and Ian Duncan investigating consumer attitudes and willingness-to-pay, and issues surrounding the economics of animal welfare. In her current role as Director, Anne has created and continues to develop the Foundation's producer education and research program. She travels extensively throughout the world visiting farms, producer groups, research scientists and advocacy groups and speaks at national and international meetings and conferences on a range of animal husbandry topics and sits on a number of farm animal welfare advisory and technical boards in the U.S. and Canada. Ms. Malleau will present on thoughts on animal welfare issues for organic and grazing farms and will also offer a workshop on lameness for these target dairies.

Bob Parsons (Associate Professor-Agriculture Economics at the University of Vermont). Dr Parson's activities concentrate on dairy economics, financial management, and estate planning. Bob came to Vermont from Penn State where he conducted research on dairy profitability and conducted instruction on financial management. He was raised on a 40-cow dairy farm in Pennsylvania where he learned basic farm management

J. Keith Waldron (Livestock and Field Crops Coordinator, NYS Integrated Pest Management). Mr. Waldron received his M.S. from North Carolina State University and has been the Livestock and Field Crops Coordinator since 1985. He works with organic and grazing herds to control flies and other external pests.