

Raising Dairy Heifers

Raising dairy heifers calves to freshen at 22 to 24 months of age requires good management and sound health of calves. A 2 year investment without any return and the volatility of milk and feed prices necessitates that we continue to evaluate the calf rearing program. The benefits of individual calf housing are being questioned, especially now with the increased use of automated milk feeding systems which allow more social facilitation and typically result in increased weigh gain from the increased consumption of milk. Whether you raise your own calves, have them contract raised, or you are a contract heifer grower, the growth and financial aspects need to be continually measured and managed. Each rearing system in place on dairy farms today have advantages and disadvantages, but if we more fully understand the disadvantages, we may be able to limit the negative consequences of any one of the systems in use whereby the growth and health of calves are optimized.



PROGRAM LOCATIONS

AM Wayne Presbyterian Church
7152 Burbank Rd (SR83)
Wooster, OH 44691

PM Virgil Gasser Farm
3093 E. Pleasant Home Rd
Creston, OH 44217



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Dairy Calf Management Workshop

Tuesday, March 8, 2016



Register and put
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TODAY!



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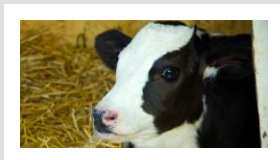
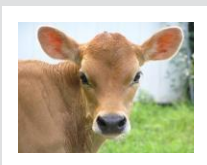
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Purpose of workshop:

- 1) Improve growth efficiency of dairy heifer calves
- 2) Foster sound health of calves through management of their feeding and housing and a prescribed vaccination program
- 3) Improve the financial implications of raising calves
- 4) Review the pros and cons of various rearing systems.



Program Outline

- 9:00 am Registration (refreshments provided)
9:15 Introductions
9:30 Feeding, Housing, and Costs of Raising Heifers
- Feeding
Colostrum and colostrum replacers
Whole milk
Milk replacers
Calf starter and grower
- Housing
Hutches
Calf barns
Cold and heat stress
Ventilation
- Cost of Raising Dairy Heifer Calves
Pre-weaning
Post-weaning
Contract raising
- 11:30 am Health: Developing a Vaccination Program for Heifer Calves
- 12:00 – 12:45 Lunch Provided
- 1:00 - 3:00 Tour Automated Calf Feeding System at the at Virgil Gasser Dairy Farm, 3093 E Pleasant Home Rd, Creston, OH 44217

Instructors:

- Dr. Maurice Eastridge, Professor and Extension Dairy Specialist, Department of Animal Sciences, The Ohio State University
- Dr. Craig Zimmerly (DVM), Country Rd Veterinary Service, Apple Creek, OH
- Mr. Rory Lewandowski, Extension Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Wayne County, Ohio State University Extension

Registration

Cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per farm (2 persons).

DUE Tuesday, March 1

Registration fee includes refreshments, lunch, and handouts

Indicate the type of registration:

- Individual Registration (\$25)
 Farm Registration (\$40) 2 persons

****Make check payable to: OSU Extension**

Name: _____

Farm: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Send registrations to:

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Register TODAY!