NEW YORK
YOUTH DAIRY DISCOVERY
WORKSHOP

Friday and Saturday
March 30-31, 2018

Morrison Hall
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY

Sponsored by: The New York State 4-H Dairy Cattle Program
Developed and Coordinated by: PRO-DAIRY, Cornell Animal Science Department
and the Dairy Management Group
ELIGIBILITY:

Due to the hands on approach of the sessions, participation is limited to the first 65 individuals to enroll or March 16, 2018 deadline, whichever comes first. Youth who are 14-19 years of age as of January 1, 2018 with an interest in dairy cattle are eligible to attend. This year’s registration fee will include cost of the program activities, materials and dinner and lunch.

OVERVIEW:

Nutrition management is a critical factor in determining the production potential of dairy enterprises. The feeding program can influence the prioritizing of expenses. In many cases over 25% of the variable costs associated with operating a dairy are directly incorporated into the purchasing of feeds. Furthermore, harvesting techniques, feeding methods, housing strategies, and monitoring these areas can play key roles in the growth and milk production responses animals express to a particular nutrition program.

DAIRY DISCOVERY will be focusing this year’s workshop on "Maximizing the Feed Management Program". Youth will understand, observe and participate in technical skill training related to such topics as:

1. Effect of Nutrition on Growth
2. Nutrition and the Rumen
   a) Understanding the fermentation process
   b) Impact of feeding program on the rumen
3. Forage Quality
   a. pH and DM spell what?
   b. Yum-Yum-Pee-You
   c. Appraisal of feeds
4. Total Mixed ration-TMR
   a) Make and shake your TMR
   b) Figuring TMR composition
   c) Calculating the ration
5. Ration formulation with the computer model
6. Feed identification
7. Analysis/case study
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REGISTRATION:

The deadline for registration is Friday, March 16, 2018 or before if registration limit of 65 is reached.

The cost of the workshop will be $50 per Youth. This fee includes activities, materials, dinner Friday night and lunch Saturday. Registration forms should be signed by a Cooperative Extension Educator, FFA Advisor or Club Leader. **Cost for Adults accompanying youth is $15 and they will also need to complete the registration form on-line.** *Note there is a small increase in cost.*

**Lodging:**

25 rooms have been blocked at the Ramada Inn, 2310 Triphammer Rd, Ithaca, 14850 for the night of March 30, 2018. Rate is $124.46 per room. Ask for room block “Dairy Discovery” when you call the hotel and tell them you’re with a Cornell function. To get the rooms tax exempt, 4-H participants need to work with your County Cooperative Extension Educator for a tax exempt for will be necessary. Phone: 607-257-3100. The block of rooms will be held until March 9, 2018 so make your reservation before this date.

Please call me at (607) 255-0656 or Email: djc27@cornell.edu if you have questions
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Agenda

Friday, March 30 (Morrison Hall, Rm 348)

6:15 pm- Welcome/Dinner

6:45-7:30 pm- CALS Admissions- Room 146 Morrison

7:30-9:00 pm- Team Challenge Program (Livestock Pavilion)

9:15 pm- Snack and Head for lodging

Saturday, March 31 (Cornell University-Morrison Hall and surrounding facilities)

7:00 am - Breakfast on your own

8:00 am- Registration in Lobby of Morrison Hall

8:15 am- Introduction to Workshops in room 146

8:30-11:30 am- Workshop Session I

11:30-12:30 pm- Lunch in room 348 Morrison

12:30-2:30 pm-Workshop Session II

2:30-3:30 pm- Team analysis of farm- rooms will be assigned

3:30-4:30 pm- Report back to group and discussion-room 146 Morrison

4:30 pm- Wrap-up and adjourn-room 146 Morrison