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The University of California short course announcement

Short course announcement

The dairy herdsman short course is designed for working dairy employees. Its purpose is to provide the people who do the actual work on the dairy the opportunity to receive information about the latest technology and training in all aspects of dairy management.

Personnel from University of California Cooperative Extension, UC School of Veterinary Medicine, UC Riverside and California State University-Fresno will assist in instruction. Simultaneous translation will be available at the sessions to assist Spanish-speaking attendees.

The seminar will consist of morning classroom teaching with afternoons providing hands-on training. Notebooks with written handouts will be provided to each participant.

Cost of short course

Registration fee for the short course is $180. Companies and/or dairies with more than one participant will be $180 for the 1st participant and $100 thereafter. Students will be charged $100. This fee includes a notebook with handouts, lunch, plus short course shirt. Pre-registration is required. No registration at the door will be accepted.

Enrollment in the short course will be limited to 40 participants. This limit is set to provide personalized teaching and hands on training. Acceptance will be on a first come, first serve basis. All money will be returned in full for those not accepted. Please complete the registration form in this brochure as soon as possible and send it in with the registration fee before April 11, 2005. If you need further information please contact Gerald Higginbotham, Dairy Advisor, UC Cooperative Extension at 559-456-7558.

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April 19-21, 2005

California State University-Fresno

CATT Conference Room

Corner of Chestnut and Barstow

Fresno, CA

Schedule

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

a.m.

8:30 Registration

9:00 Foot Care

• Foot anatomy

• Identification and treatment of hoof diseases

10:00 Nutrition - Dry / Milk Cows

• Feeding of the close-up dry cow

• Prevention of metabolic disorders

• Silage management

• Feed bunk management

• Manure evaluation

10:45 Milking Management

• Proper milking procedures

• Milk quality

• Milking equipment overview

• Cleaning and sanitation

• Troubleshooting milk quality problems

12:30 Lunch

p.m.

1:00 Hands-on Exercises

Lab 1 - Calf autopsy

Lab 2 - Foot trimming

Lab 3 - Milk quality

4:00 Adjourn
Wednesday, April 20, 2005

a.m.
8:30 Animal Care
• Handling downer cows

9:00 Cow Health Diagnostics
• Heart and lung sounds
• Detection of displaced abomasums

9:30 Fresh Cow Management
• Transition strategies
• Fresh cow care

10:30 Reproductive Management
• Reproductive tract anatomy
• Hormones of the estrous cycle
• Timed breeding programs

11:45 Fly Control on Dairies
• Identification of fly species
• Implementation of a fly control program

p.m.
12:30 Lunch

1:00 Hands-on Exercises
Lab 1 - Reproductive tracts
Lab 2 - Cow health
Lab 3 - Fly control strategies

4:00 Adjourn

Thursday, April 21, 2005

a.m.
9:00 Labor Management
• Employee selection
• Employee discipline
• Conflict management
• Performance appraisal

10:30 Prevention and Control of Mastitis
• Basic mastitis control
• Preventing serious outbreaks
• Treatment strategies
• Proper drug usage

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Dairy Herd Management
Software Training
• DHI Plus
• Dairy Comp 305

2:00 Herd Health
• Early decisions for market cows
• Diagnosis of common diseases
• Vaccination strategies

3:00 Raising Replacements
• Digestive system development
• Colostrum management
• Vaccination programs

3:45 Dairy Facilities
• Maintenance of corrals, freestalls, etc.
• Manure management

4:15 Wrap-up Session

Directions to the CATI conference room:

Coming from the North and South on Freeway 99:
• Take the CA-41 N exit towards Yosemite
• Merge onto CA-41 N
• Take the CA-180 E exit towards Kings Canyon
• Merge onto CA-168 W
• Take the Shaw Ave. exit and turn left onto Shaw Ave
• Get into right hand lane and turn right onto Chestnut Ave.
• Turn left onto Barstow
• The CSU-Fresno dairy and CATI Conference center is on the corner of Barstow and Chestnut

Upon request a list of nearby motels can be furnished.
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Please send one form for each participant.

Name ____________________________
Last Name ____________________________
First Name ____________________________

Address ____________________________
Number and Street ____________________________
City ____________________________

Company ____________________________

Work Phone ____________________________
Cell Phone ____________________________

Spanish speaking (please circle) Yes   No

Golf Shirt (Please circle size)
Men:   M     L     XL     2X     3X
Women:    S     M     L     XL     2X

Enclosed is $_______ for _______ people to attend the meeting at $180 per person, $100 for each additional participant from a dairy and/or company. $100 for students.

Make check or money order payable to UC Regents. Mail to: Gerald Higginbotham, UCCE, 1720 S. Maple Ave., Fresno, CA 93702.
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