Hoof Health Workshop
Tuesday - April 4, 2006
1:00 p.m.
Glenn County Cooperative Extension Office
821 E. South Street, Orland, CA
and
Schager Dairy

Lameness in dairy cows reduces dry matter intake (lowering milk production by an average of 750 lbs.), increases days open (average of 28 days), and causes death (2%) and increased culling losses (20%). Overall, the average cost per case of lameness is $346.

This workshop, sponsored by Glenn County Cooperative Extension and Zinpro Corporation, will include discussions on hoof care, the economics of lameness, effects of nutrition on hoof health, and locomotion scoring to determine lameness in cows. The trimming demonstration at the Schager Dairy will include hoof trimming and locomotion scoring demonstrations, and examples of deformed and damaged hooves.

To make reservations call: Barbara Reed at 530-865-1156 or Glenn County CE at 530-865-1107

5th Annual
Farmstead Cheesemaking Workshop

A Farmstead Cheesemaking Workshop will be held in Orland, April 11-13, 2006. This program is sponsored by the University of California Cooperative Extension and allied industry. Enrollment is limited to 10 participants and the $385 fee includes 3 lunches, detailed class materials, and field trips to 2 cheesemaking operations. This is a 3-day workshop for novice and experienced cheese makers, focusing on commercial cheese making and business development.

The course goals are to introduce principles of safe production of a food product on the farm, and provide dairy producers with hands-on experience
in small-scale cheese production, adequate information about the demands presented by vertical integration of their business, general information on design and maintenance of curing rooms, equipment selection and layout, plant design, and cost of production analysis, and to present data on artisan cheese marketing and market research and the challenges presented in direct marketing and promotion of your own product.

Hands-on cheese making will be done at Pedrozo Dairy and Cheese Company. Classroom lectures will be held at the Glenn County Cooperative Extension Office, both located in Orland CA. On the third day there will be a field trip to the Sierra Nevada Cheese Company in Willows. Participants will make their own lodging arrangements in Orland, Willows or Chico. There may be one informal no-host dinner get-together if participants are interested. The registration fee must be paid in advance to reserve your spot in the class.

For information you can log on to http://ceglenn.ucdavis.edu/Dairy/ for a registration form, or call 530-865-1107 to have one mailed to you.