

**FARM BUSINESS AND PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT
LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT/FARMSTEAD EQUIPMENT
MANAGEMENT 2007-2008**

Mission Statement: Provide lifelong learning for farmers in proven agricultural practices and emerging technology: emphasizing business management and analysis, livestock management and nutrition, and crop and soils management.

1. Feed, Housing & Labor issues for livestock enterprises
2. Milk Quality (SCC, milking procedures, cattle environment, equipment maintenance, economics, etc)
3. Livestock health concerns (vaccinations, bio-security, environment, other)
4. Livestock Reproduction (genetics, fertility, record keeping, other)
5. Planning future building and equipment needs
6. Marketing/Purchasing Products & Livestock (forward buying & selling, contracts, risk management, other)
7. Dairy herd improvement records & systems
8. Crop Update
9. Nutrition Update
10. Current Agricultural Issues (new farm bill, EQIP, other)

Students will have the opportunity to suggest and select additional class topics as well as guest speakers for the class. Class also includes scheduled individualized on-farm instruction and a farm financial analysis. Additional activities include an annual farm tour and a graduation banquet.

Group classes begin the middle of October and finish by the end of March. Individualized instruction begins as soon as a student signs up for class.

Class sign-up begins July 1, 2007. Please contact Mike Sabel at 715-422-5387 for more details.

Classes are at Almond-Bancroft H.S. Wed. evenings, Adams MSTC Wed. afternoons, Vesper Community Center Tuesday evenings, and Amherst High School Thursday evenings.