

2009 Dairy Days Set

URBANA, ILL.

“Economic Expectations” is the theme for 2009’s Illinois Dairy Days, a program scheduled for nine locations throughout the state in January.

“The dairy business continues to face challenging times,” said Mike Hutjens, University of Illinois Extension dairy specialist. “To help producers make correct management decisions, it is vital to have the latest information at hand. That is the driving idea behind this one-day program – to help producers make the most of their resources and remain a productive part of the dairy industry.”

Joining Hutjens as presenters are U of I Extension colleagues Dave Fischer, Jim Endress, and Dick Wallace, a dairy veterinarian.

Topics to be covered include: feeding challenges with today’s milk prices, managing the replacement herd, evaluating economic alternatives, economic implications of cull dairy cattle, impact of technology on the dairy carbon footprint, manure, livestock gross margin for dairy, and herd health update.

Commercial displays will be at all meetings except Jerseyville.

Joining U of I Extension in sponsoring the program is the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Each program, with the exception of Jerseyville, begins at 9:45 a.m. and concludes at approximately 2:30 p.m. For information about registration and fees, contact your local Extension office.

Dates and locations for the 2009 Illinois Dairy Days are:

- Jan. 8: El Paso, Community Center
- Jan. 9: Arthur, Yoder’s Country Kitchen
- Jan. 13: Quincy, Adams County Farm Bureau
- Jan. 13: Jerseyville, Super 8 Motel--7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 14: Okawville, Community Club Building
- Jan. 15: Breese, American Legion Hall
- Jan. 20: Elizabeth, Community Center
- Jan. 21: Freeport, Highland Community College
- Jan. 22: Harvard, Stratford Inn

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