Participants in this program will be given a $40 voucher to use towards the Full Day registration fee for the upcoming PRO-DAIRY Calf and Heifer Congress on Dec. 10-11, 2014 at the RIT Inn and Conference Center in Rochester, NY.
Cornell Cooperative Extension will be offering a program this fall focusing on calf management and care. Programs will be offered at several CCE locations and will be available via web conferencing. There will also be a farm tour and demonstration following the completion of the programs.

**Program Topics**

**Oct. 28 - Young Calf Care** - Instructor Dr. Kim Morrill, PhD, NNY Dairy Specialist, Cornell Cooperative Extension. Dr. Morrill will discuss the critical first 24 hours, impact of calving stress, the 5 “C’s”- colostrum, calories, cleanliness, comfort and consistency. She will also discuss biosecurity, controlling scours and respiratory disease, assessing the “off” calf and vaccination strategies.

**Oct. 30 - Impact of Environmental Factors** - Will discuss housing essentials, air quality, individual vs. group housing, water quality, cold and heat stress and bedding choices.

**Oct. 30 - Operation overview with focus on Data Capture** - Panel Discussion. Panelists will address and answer: What data are you collecting, why and how are you using it? How are you using data in your decision making process?

**Panel Members Include:**
- Mike McMahon, Dairy farmer
- Dr. Dave Stockwell, DVM
- Paul Tillotson, Organic dairy farmer

**Nov. 4 - Calf Nutrition and Delivery, From Birth to Weaning** - Instructor Dr. Fernando Soberon, PhD, Technical Services manager at Nutreco Canada. Dr. Soberon will address feeding for biological potential, milk versus milk replacer, gut development, starter formulation, growth rates and weaning strategies.

**Nov. 6 - Calf Management Issues** - Instructor Corwin Holtz, Nelson Dairy Consultants, LLC. Corwin Holtz will address auto feeders vs. robots, acidified milk feeding, nipple selection, placement and number, starting calves in groups, cross sucking, basic economics of raising calves and economics of lost and culled heifers.

**Dates** - TBD (10:00am-3:00pm) Farm Walk and Hands-On Demonstration

Focus on: management of newborn calf, environmental considerations, feeding and weaning management, sanitation of feeding articles, and health strategies.

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