

***"Dairy cross bred calf - an opportunity for the dairy and beef industries?"***

The dairy sector has been struggling for several years with decreased milk prices and in some cases loss of a milk market. Jason Karszes, Pro-Dairy, has documented a nearly \$2000/hd cost to raise a heifer to her first lactation. To increase price for milk, some farms have added Jersey genetics to their herds. While this may be beneficial to the milk check, the Jersey bull calf has virtually no sale value. According to NYS USDA Market News reports, the Holstein x beef breed calves are bringing a \$50-\$100/head premium to purebred Holstein calves. As such, the interest in crossing dairy cows with beef bulls is growing. However strategic beef sire selection is required so that these cross bred calves overcome the built in prejudice to “dairy type” and meet the needs of consumers.

On January 18, 2018 in Syracuse, the New York Beef Producer’s Association is presenting a daylong session on the cross bred dairy calf. Speakers will include farmers and extension professionals with experience in this field. The keynote speaker will be from Wulf Genetics working with Genex to supply beef bulls of various breeds to use on Jersey and Holstein cows. To date they have raised and finished over 50,000 cross bred calves. Plan to spend the day and learn about how this enterprise may fit in your dairy operation to provide another source of cash flow.

<b>NYBPA Winter Management Meeting</b>		
<b>January 18, 2019</b>		
<b>Double Tree Hotel, East Syracuse, NY</b>		
9:45 AM	<b>Welcome</b>	John Kriese, President, NYBPA
10:00 AM	The crossbred calf - the good, the bad and the ugly	Mike Baker, Cornell Beef Extension Specialist
10:30 AM	Using beef bulls on Holstein and Jersey cows - our experience	Lauren Osborn, Wulf Cattle, Morris, MN
11:30 AM	The crossbred calf - feedlot performance and carcass quality	Lauren Osborn, Wulf Cattle, Morris, MN
12:15 PM	<b>Lunch and Trade Show</b>	

1:30 PM	The crossbred 3 days - 300 lb - economics	Jason Karszes, Farm Business Management, Pro-Dairy
2:15 PM	The crossbred 3 days - 300 lb - health	Rob Lynch DVM, Herd Health and Management, Pro-Dairy
3:00 PM	<b>Break</b>	
3:15 PM	The crossbred 3 days - 300 lb - nutrition, housing/facilities	Nicole Tommell, Cornell Regional Business Management Specialist
4:00 PM	The crossbred calf - what weight to sell and where's the market?	Panel Presentation
5:00 PM	<b>Adjourn</b>	
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