News Release
Driftless Region Beef Conference in Dubuque
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The Driftless Region includes beautiful rolling hills, clean streams and karst soil topography. Conservation of our soils and protection of our waters are best accomplished with much of the land seeded to forage production. That requires cattle to consume these forages. The Driftless Beef Conference will focus on efficient and economic beef and forage production.

Extension services in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin have teamed up to offer a Driftless Region beef conference. The first event will be held on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, 2013, at the Grand River Convention Center in Dubuque, Iowa. The program will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Jan. 31 and run till 11:45 a.m. on Feb. 1. Thursday’s afternoon program will focus on feed efficiency at all stages of production, with an evening discussion focused on straight versus crossbreeding. Friday morning’s program includes three breakout sessions for feedlot operations and three for cow herds. Breakout sessions for cow herds include replacement female strategies, pasture management and winter feeding strategies. Feedlot sessions include marketing options for Holstein steers, manure management from deep bedding buildings, and a comparison of housing systems. Registration for the conference is $80 before Jan. 15 or $100 after Jan. 15. Additional information about the conference is available at www.aep.iastate.edu/beef.

The Driftless Region Beef Conference is sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, the University of Minnesota Extension, and University of Wisconsin Extension. The planning team strives to deliver the latest in research-based information regarding the beef cattle industry. For more information or to receive a brochure, contact Denise Schwab at 319-721-9624.

News Release
Attend Local Dairy Days
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CALMAR & RICEVILLE--Iowa dairy producers will have the opportunity to hear Iowa State University Extension Specialists share information on emerging dairy industry issues at the 2013 ISU Extension Dairy Days.
This year, producers will learn about tools to make feeding decisions, the new Iowa Dairy Budget, Low Cost Parlor and Automatic Milking Systems Producer Surveys, 2012 Iowa Dairy Survey Results, Effluent Pumping, Milkhouse Waste and Nutrient Management, as well as the latest research in Fungicides and Forage.

Dairy Days will be offered in Howard County on January 21 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Riceville and in Winneshiek County, at the NE Iowa Dairy Center in Calmar, on January 22. Registration starts at 9:30 am and the program will conclude by 3 pm. A $15 registration fee covers a meal and materials. Pre-registration is requested by the Friday before each event. Vouchers may be available from local ag-service providers or veterinarians. For more information contact Jenn Bentley, Dairy Specialist, at 563-382-2949. 

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