

2008 PROGRAM WORK TEAM ANNUAL REPORT FORM

1. Full name of your Program Work Team (PWT):

Cornell Dairy Program

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4. Please identify your PWT's activities, accomplishments, and, most importantly, outcomes and impacts over the past year.

The new Cornell Dairy PWT was formed during 2008 and held its first meeting on November 14, 2008 with the charge presented by Chris Watkins, Associate Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension. The majority of the initial meeting was spent communicating various programs and efforts within each of the many disciplines represented by the members of the PWT.

The primary outcomes of the discussions were as follows:

There was consensus support among the group for the formation of a "Cornell Dairy Portal" website that would link to the various CALS programs that relate to the dairy industry at the farm level and serve as a potential means to enhance communication with internal and external stakeholders. We will seek to initiate such a website during 2009.

There was interest expressed and discussion among the group for establishing a more formal and comprehensive mentoring and orientation program that would be oriented primarily toward new CCE educators with responsibilities related to dairy. Current ad hoc approaches for establishing mentors and orientation to the resources available probably are not fully satisfactory for integrating new CCE educators.

Concern was expressed by several of the members of the PWT regarding the closure of the Cornell Nutrient Analysis Laboratory. The concerns were expressed both in terms of how the decision was made and communicated to faculty users and field staff and also in terms of key considerations for transitioning the activities of the laboratory to the private sector (e.g., DairyOne). These considerations included careful scrutiny of the methods used by DairyOne as integrated with the Cornell Recommends as well as aspects of quality control and identity of the recommendations with Cornell programs.

The group will continue defining its role and establishing priorities for work during early 2009.