

NEWS RELEASE

Organic Dairy Field Day Offered – June 9

Free event highlights dairy calf and milk quality best practices

Spring Valley, WI, May 17th, 2011: Midwest Organic & Sustainable Education Service (MOSES) announced a farm field day on “Organic Dairy Calf and Milk Quality Management.” The field day will be held on Thursday, June 9th from 1pm – 4pm at the Jahnke Family Farm near Lancaster, WI. The free field day event will be rain or shine.

The field day will feature Dr. Guy Jodarski, DVM and farm host Kevin Jahnke. Both men have extensive experience helping organic dairy farmers improve their operations. Jahnke built his own milking parlor and developed a variety of management strategies to keep his cows healthy and productive, from young calves to older cows. Jahnke will also discuss traps devised to lessen fly problems. When not managing his own organic dairy, Jahnke works for Organic Valley, helping his fellow organic dairy producers find practical solutions to milk quality issues.

Dr. Jodarski, an Organic Valley veterinarian, has a common sense approach to animal health and can aid any type of dairy producer in learning about the causes of problems as well as how to develop systematic long-term solutions. Dr. Jodarski will discuss calf, heifer and milk cow health issues.

“Organic farmers, farmers interested in transitioning to organic, and farmers who are interested in low-cost and effective strategies for dairy herd management will find this field day a worthwhile experience,” said Harriet Behar MOSES Organic Specialist. “MOSES field days this season will highlight farmers whose success is gained by using tried and true organic methods.”

MOSES is a non-profit education and resource organization that works with farmers, farming organizations, and government agencies to organize its organic farm field days. Field day sessions are open to all farmers, agriculture professionals, and those interested in organic and sustainable farming practices. MOSES provides free information and resources to attendees of its field days and farm events.

Pre-registration is preferred. There are three easy options to register for MOSES field day events: online at www.mosesorganic.org, call (715) 778-5775 or email: angie@mosesorganic.org.

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