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**2009 Winter Dairy Management in Richfield Springs & Norwich
Dairy Modernization/Expansion Theme - “We’ve got to do something!”**

The Central New York Dairy & Field Crops Team, in collaboration with Cornell ProDairy and NY FarmNet, will present two workshop “Scenarios” about Dairy Modernization/ Expansion for the 2009 Winter Dairy Management Program. This year’s program is designed for dairy farm families wrestling with “What’s next?” as demands for income change. Recognizing that modernization can mean many things, two program scenarios are being offered.

Scenario One, *Going from Tie-Stall Barn to First Free-Stall with Low Cost Parlor*, will be offered in two locations: Thursday, January 22, 10:12am-3:00pm, at Fred’s Inn on State Highway 12 in Norwich; and Friday, January 23, 10:15am-3:00pm, at the Tally Ho Restaurant on US Route 20 in Richfield Springs.

Scenario Two (2-day workshop), *Renovating or Replacing Older Free-Stall Set-Up*, will be offered on Wednesday, January 21 and Thursday, January 28, 10:45am-3:00pm each day, at the Tally-Ho Restaurant on US Route 20 in Richfield Springs.

The cost for Scenario One is \$15.00 per person. The cost for Scenario Two is \$25.00 per person. Both fees cover the cost of lunch and room rental. All program materials and handouts are provided by the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets. For registration and/or for more information, please contact David R. Balbian at 518.762.3909 (x110) or email <drb23@cornell.edu>.

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