

Minutes
Northwest Dairy Advisory Committee
April 25, 2006

Present: Chuck Griffin, Bill Speights, Donnie Fisher, Dean Graner, Jerry Holmes, Lamar Holmes, Derrick Burford, Cody Burford, Tommy Williamson, Charles Hutchison

The Dairy Advisory Committee met on April 25, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. at The Village Restaurant in Grand Cane. Chuck Griffin discussed the purpose of having an advisory meeting. Pasture management, ration balancing, mastitis control, dairy lagoon clean-out project and 4-H youth were programs that needed to be continued.

The committee members setup the program for the Northwest Louisiana Dairy Day. The Dairy Day will be held on June 15, 2006 at North DeSoto High School in Stonewall, LA. The Committee suggested topics on the following:

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| 1. H3 test | 6. Vaccination programs |
| 2. Cattle I.D. Program | 7. LSU Validation studies |
| 3. Summer Pneumonia | 8. Possibility of Plants requiring lower SCC |
| 4. Hoof Problems | 9. DFA update |
| 5. New mastitis treatments | 10. Dairy lagoon clean-out program |

Speakers suggested for the above topics were Christina Navarre, Charles Hutchison and Bill Owens. The committee suggested using Edwin Scott to cater the lunch.

Chuck mentioned the dispersal of dairy cows at the Hill Farm Research Station in the fall and the Hill Farm will be refocusing on poultry and forestry production. Chuck also announced that Dr. Nipper was unable to attend today but if you have any questions concerning the sell of the cows please contact him.

Chuck mentioned the DeSoto Parish web site address, which is www.agctr.lsu.edu. Chuck also requested email addresses from the participants so that information may be sent more efficiently.

After the meeting the group enjoyed a lunch prepared by the Village Restaurant.