

Minutes
Northwest Dairy Advisory Committee
March 13, 2008

Present: Chuck Griffin, Bill Speights, Glen Caldwell, Steve Alexander, Lamar Holmes, Jerry Holmes, Dean Graner, Tommy Williamson, Dr. Charles Hutchison and Gordan Reger

The Dairy Advisory Committee met on March 13, 2008 at 10 a.m. at DeSoto Parish Extension Office in Grand Cane. Chuck Griffin Called the meeting to order.

Chuck Griffin discussed the purpose of having an advisory meeting. The Advisory Committee agreed that pasture management, ration balancing, mastitis control, dairy lagoon clean-out project and 4-H Dairy Youth work 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 Thursday, June 12, 2008 at The Dave Means Memorial 4-H Center in Grand Cane. The Committee suggested topics on the following:

1. What can we do to Reduce Feed Cost - Charlie Hutchison
2. Chicken Litter as a Fertilizer Source - Matt Stephens
3. DFA update – Donnie Fisher
4. Using Natural Service in a Dairy Herd – Genex
5. DDG Plant

We will continue giving production and Quality Milk awards and the Cater will be determined by telephone bids.

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 Marcia Griffin and Sponsored by the Dairy Promotion Board.