2014 MMPA Milker Training Schools

Attention to detail and consistency in milking procedures make the difference between a good milking routine and an excellent one. Whether you or your employees have been milking for 30 years or three months, at MMPA Milker Training Schools (MTS) you will learn best milking procedures which will lead to improved milk quality, higher monthly quality premiums, reduced new mastitis infections and antibiotic use and increased milk production.

MMPA MTS is a day-long session offered free of charge to MMPA members and their employees. A combination of classroom instruction and hands-on training helps participants understand the "why" and "how" of an excellent udder prep procedure. Both managers and employees are encouraged to attend to promote consistent, operation-wide adoption, implementation and reinforcement of milking procedure techniques.

The registration form and schedule are included below. Each MTS is limited to 35 people; however, a second session may be held to meet demand. Please register early to help us determine if a second day is needed at some locations. Contact your MMPA member representative or the Member Services Department at the Novi office (see contact information below) with any questions or registration information.

Hispanic Milker Training Schools

Have trouble communicating with Spanish-speaking employees? Some Michigan dairy farms employ Hispanic milkers and, more often than not, the language barrier makes communication between milkers and owners difficult.

To help overcome this obstacle, MMPA offers MTS taught by a Spanish-speaking instructor. A concurrent, but separate, session is also held to give employers and/or milking supervisors an overview of the techniques the employees are taught so everyone is on the same page after attending MTS.

2014 Milker Training School Locations and Dates

Registration: 9:30 a.m.
Program: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (lunch is provided)

February 12	Shipshewana	Shipshewana Event Center
February 26	Litchfield	Ferry Farms
March 6	Bad Axe	Huron County Expo Center
March 18	St. Johns	Agro-Culture Liquid Headquarters (English)
March 19	St. Johns	Agro-Culture Liquid Headquarters (Spanish)
April 9	Newaygo	Cronk's Oakridge Restaurant
April 23	Alpena	A-Plex
May 1	Clare	Clare Church of Nazarene

Milker Training School Registration

Name:_____

Address:_____

Telephone: _____

Producer Permit Number: _____

Date and Location of Session You Will be Attending: _____

Number of People Attending: _____

Send this form to:

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