PRO-DAIRY hires Dr. Robert Lynch as Dairy Herd Health and Management Specialist

PRO-DAIRY has hired Dr. Robert A. Lynch, DVM as Senior Extension Associate – Dairy Herd Health and Management Specialist. This newly created position enhances the capacity of PRO-DAIRY and results from a response to industry needs and increased funding from New York State in 2015 – 2016.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to expand PRO-DAIRY’s capacity with a professional of Lynch’s caliber and experience,” said PRO-DAIRY Director Tom Overton. “He has extensive training and experience working with the dairy industry here in the Northeast and has true passion for helping dairy producers and their advisors innovate. He will join the PRO-DAIRY team on February 1.”

Lynch was a senior veterinarian for Zoetis for 10 years, where he most recently led a “Calf & Heifer Initiative” that developed educational programs and resources focused on management of the replacement dairy heifer. Prior to Zoetis he was a managing partner at Willow Creek Animal Hospital in Leesport, PA, where he managed 10 veterinarians and 30 employees. His areas of expertise include transition cow health, milk quality, reproduction, replacement management, genomics, housing, lameness prevention, immunology, obstetrics and neonatal care.

As Dairy Herd Health and Management Specialist, Lynch will establish a statewide extension program focused on dairy herd health and management for the New York dairy industry. He will link with faculty and staff in the Department of Animal Science and the College of Veterinary Medicine and work to translate research-based concepts to practice within the dairy industry.

“Cornell University’s PRO-DAIRY Program leads the industry in advancing our understanding of dairy management. I look forward to joining this team where I can further focus my time helping the dairy industry in New York State and beyond,” Lynch said.

PRO-DAIRY’s mission is to facilitate New York State economic development by increasing the competitiveness and sustainability of New York’s dairy farm businesses through industry-applied research and educational programs that enhance farm profitability while advancing dairy producers and agribusiness professionals’ knowledge, skills and enthusiasm.

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