

***Dairy Management Program in Spanish:  
Feeds and Feeding Management  
Training Session***

On Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Dairy Management Program in Spanish (Programa de manejo de lecherías en español) had its first training session, *Feeds and Feeding Management*. The course was held in the Wiggins High School in Wiggins, Colorado between 12:00 and 4:30 pm. Seventeen dairies and one feedlot sent a total of forty feeders to the training session which was taught in Spanish by Dr. Ramón Pacheco from Cargill Animal Nutrition and Dr. Noa Román-Muñiz from the Integrated Livestock Management Program of Colorado State University.

Following lunch, the participants were introduced to basic concepts on the anatomy and physiology of the rumen and common health problems which could be the result of improper feeding practices. The second half of the training session focused on critical skills for accurate and precise delivery of feed to cattle and everyday practices that will ensure the quality of feed components and appropriate maintenance of feed storage areas. After the classroom session, participants had an on-farm laboratory session on Empire Dairy where feed storage areas and bunk faces were assessed, safety issues were discussed and feed samples were analyzed for particle size and dry matter content.

The goal of the Dairy Management Program in Spanish is to offer a series of learning opportunities on dairy management practices that will improve the knowledge base of key dairy workers. The courses, offered in Spanish, will not focus on specific protocols that may vary from dairy to dairy, but on basic skills and management practices that will make middle and upper level dairy workers more successful employees.

Upcoming training sessions will cover topics such as human resource management, training and safety, reproductive management, and parlor management. Interested dairy managers should contact Dr. Noa Román-Muñiz at 970-297-4106 or Bill Wailes at 970-491-5390.