Schefers Host Dairy Nutrient Management Workshop
Near Paynesville August 19
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On Tuesday, August 19, University of Minnesota Extension will be hosting a livestock workshop at the Schefers Brothers (Ken & Ralph) Dairy north of Paynesville, MN. Schefers Brothers Dairy is located in the Sauk River watershed and is involved in the MN Ag Water Certification Program. They are milking 75 cows in a tie-stall barn with an earthen pit, 27,000 RHA, over 1000 BF, and less than 100 SCC.

Discussions will focus on nutrient management including various options and methods to manage total farm nutrient balance, manure management, and nutrient runoff. Managing nutrients from manure is becoming a high priority among most livestock farmers for economic and environmental reasons. While the workshop will be held at a dairy farm, the program should prove informative for producers of any livestock species.

Registration opens at 10:00 AM, with the program beginning at 10:30. Presentations by Jose Hernandez, UMN Extension Livestock Nutrient Management Specialist; Mark Lefebvre, SWCD coordinator of the MN Ag Water Certification program Stearns County Sauk River Watershed; and Randy Pepin, UMN Extension Educator Livestock Systems. Included will be a discussion time with the Schefers family and their experience with nutrient management and a tour of their facilities.

Event location: 29336 230th St. Paynesville, MN. Free noon lunch provided to all farmers and people allied to the livestock industry.

Directions from Albany: at the I-94 intersection take County #10 south 11 miles to stop sign, turn right onto County #12, in 500 feet turn left onto County #32, go 3 miles and turn left onto County #33, go 2 miles and turn right onto 230th St., farm is 1 mile on right.

Directions from Paynesville: Take E. Hoffmann St. (old #23) east to County #33, turn left onto County #33, and go north 5 miles, turn left onto 230th St., farm is 1 mile on right.

To help us plan for food pre-registering is requested but not required, call the Stearns County Extension office at (320)255-6169 or email krek0033@umn.edu or mart011@umn.edu. See you August 19.