Announcement: Drug Residue Testing Workshops for Producer-Dealers and Small Processors

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Division of Milk Control in cooperation with the NYS Food Laboratory and Cornell University will be offering workshops for small dairy processors and producer-dealers, focusing on the establishment of drug residue testing laboratories and laboratory requirements under the NCIMS/FDA Grade ‘A’ milk program. These workshops will cover licensing, sampling, testing procedures, equipment calibrations, and record keeping requirements under the Grade ‘A’ milk program and are designed to assist small scale milk processors in making informed decisions on laboratory start up issues and choosing drug residue testing methods. Representatives from test kit manufacturers have been invited to present hands-on demonstrations of various drug residue test methods and Department Laboratory Evaluation Officers will be presenting information on other aspects of the drug residue testing program under Appendix N of the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO). Attendance of these workshops is not required for licensing but are intended to help guide small dairy processors who, under recent changes to the PMO, will be required to test all Grade ‘A’ milk supplied to their processing plants starting in November 2014.

Please contact Charles Lindberg at charles.lindberg@agriculture.ny.gov with questions.

The workshops will be held on the following dates and locations:

Registration 8:30 – 9:00 AM for both sessions
July 29, 2014 – Cornell University * 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Morrison Hall, Room B82
Ithaca, NY

July 30, 2014 – New York State Food Laboratory** 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Bldg. 6, Harriman Campus Rd.
Albany, NY

* Directions and parking information for Cornell are included in this e-mailing.

** NYS Food Lab requires ID be presented at reception desk. A visitor pass will be issued. For lab safety, please no open toed footwear or shorts.

Lunch will not be provided so bring your own or there are cafeterias and/or food vendors available at both locations.