

Offering Holistic Livestock Care & Consulting Services for Almost 30 Years

Linking healthy soil, truly nutritious food and profitable, sustainable farming

Are you a livestock producer and feed prices getting you down? Then you may want to reach out to Agri-Dynamics Inc. for some assistance to not only improve overall herd thriftiness but also maximize on-farm production of forages.

Jerry Brunetti founded Agri-Dynamics in 1979 to provide natural products for livestock animals. "After years of managing a milk cooperative, I was more interested in working with producers in a consulting capacity," says Jerry. "I wanted to offer a whole-farm, holistic approach to management. Agri-Dynamics offers consulting services and holistic animal remedies for farm livestock, equine and pets."

Jerry continues, "After witnessing devastating results of conventional, chemically dependent, grain-based rationed farming practices, I wanted to educate and work for farmers who made the wise choice to transition to ecologically responsible and sustainable farming."

Many of the livestock operations Agri-Dynamics currently consults with are dairy farms, which range in size. One such farm is David Swartzentuber's, soon to be certified organic, 70-head dairy operation in Pennsylvania. "We have been using a variety of Agri-Dynamics's remedies, both preventative and therapeutic, for about two years," says David. "I appreciate working with Jerry because he knows so much about his products and we are really pleased with the results."

According to Jerry, since founding the business almost 30 years ago he has seen quite an evolution in farm management practices. "In the 1970's I saw many farmers producing a variety of feed stocks for their herds. Instead of relying on off-farm inputs they were growing their own cereal grains, silage and hay. But a shift came in the 80's and 90's when breeding in the dairy industry moved towards increased volume of production, which often resulted in drops in overall animal reproductive performance and longevity." Jerry continued, "Now I am witnessing a switch back to farmers wanting to learn more about good pasture stewardship and relying once again on home-grown forages. This is coupled with increased knowledge and research on the relationship between soils, forage quality and animal health, as well as a philosophy shifting from production per cow to profit per cow or acre and animal longevity."

Agri-Dynamics not only provides livestock remedies, but also offers nutritional consultations, including soil testing and interpretation. "Livestock health and performance are closely



Agri-Dynamics founder Jerry Brunetti is also a noted lecturer on topics related to ecological products and services.

associated with biologically active soils rich in plant diversity that maximize immunity, resistance to parasites, reproductive performance, growth and lactation. Human beneficiaries derive a nutrient-dense and better flavored egg, meat and dairy product," says Jerry.

Agri-Dynamics's line of products has evolved to include equine, small pet and human health products and services, in addition to consultations for horticulture, golf course and turf management, viticulture, orchards, and greenhouses. What hasn't changed is their ongoing commitment to the health of the family farm and our planet.

"I see excitement in livestock farming right now because of new 'high octane' forage feed stocks being developed, soil chemistry knowledge, biology, husbandry and a focus on increasing overall biodiversity," Brunetti commented. ■

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