

AABP District News

District X

A survey of the membership was conducted by Dr. Leon D. Weaver, District X Director, to determine their continuing education needs. The survey was followed up with three regional membership meetings to plan for continuing education. It was decided (a) to

focus on the dairy practitioners who account for the overwhelming majority of the membership; (b) to plan regional meetings to be held on consecutive days in each area; (c) to focus on three geographical areas—Phoenix, Arizona; Ontario, Southern California, and Fresno, San Joaquin Valley, Calif.; (d) to hold approximately two meetings a year. Details will be announced later.

Results of Survey: District X, AABP. (Response in Bold Type)

- Practice Type: (**43 responses** $\geq 2/3$) % dairy; % cow-calf _____ ; % feedlot _____ ; % nonbovine _____ .
- The number and quality of programs currently available to assist me in keeping abreast in my field are: (**74%**) too few; (**26%**) adequate; _____ too many.
- I am limited in my ability to participate in programs by (rank in order of importance) (**1**) distance to travel; _____ cost of program; (**2**) length of program; (**2**) days of week program is scheduled; _____ other (specify) _____ .
- A program of good quality, that overcomes most of my limitations listed in No. 3 above would be welcome (circle one) (**16%**) one, (**63%**) two, (**26%**) three times annually.
- Listed below are programs that may be suitable for District X sponsorship. Indicate their appeal to you by checking the appropriate column.

	Of limited or no value	Neutral	Very useful would frequently participate
1. Wet-labs and/or problem-solving seminars held in conjunction with a university staff (1/2 to 1-1/2 days).	4	_____	20
2. A scientific presentation and discussion program (one day) to be held on consecutive days in each geographical area of the district.	0	_____	28
3. Co-sponsorship in the CVMA annual meeting and/or continuing education seminars.	8	_____	15
4. Formation of regional bovine practitioner and/or industry groups for annual or semi-annual programs or meetings.	3	_____	29
5. Formation of practice type subgroups (i.e., feedlot, dairy, cow-calf) for annual or semi-annual programs or meetings.	3	_____	29
6. Intensive fee seminars (2-3 days) similar to those at the AABP convention (e.g., milk quality).	3	_____	21
7. Other: _____	_____	_____	_____

Results of Survey : District X, AABP (Response in Bold Type)

- Practice Type: % dairy _____; (**7 responses** $\geq 50%$) cowcalf; % feedlot _____ ; % nonbovine _____ .
- The number and quality of programs currently available to assist me in keeping abreast in my field are: (**2**) too few; (**4**) adequate; (**1**) too many.
- I am limited in my ability to participate in programs by (rank in order of importance) (**1**) distance to travel; _____ cost of program; (**1**) length of program; _____ days of week program is scheduled; _____ other (specify) _____ .
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	Of limited or no value	Neutral	Very useful would frequently participate
1. Wet-labs and/or problem-solving seminars held in conjunction with a university staff (1/2 to 1-1/2 days).	1	_____	4
2. A scientific presentation and discussion program (one day) to be held on consecutive days in each geographical area of the district.	1	_____	3
3. Co-sponsorship in the CVMA annual meeting and/or continuing education seminars.	2	_____	2
4. Formation of regional bovine practitioner and/or industry groups for annual or semi-annual programs or meetings.	1	_____	1
5. Formation of practice type subgroups (i.e., feedlot, dairy, cow-calf) for annual or semi-annual programs or meetings.	1	_____	4
6. Intensive fee seminars (2-3 days) similar to those at the AABP convention (e.g., milk quality).	1	_____	1
7. Other: _____	_____	_____	_____