

Self-Assessment of Your Dairy's Feeding Program

Appendix A provides you with a self-assessment of your dairy operation that summarizes the major points of this lesson. Consider each nutrition/management factor listed in the table and what effect that factor has on N or P excretion. If the effect listed is unclear to you, go back and review the appropriate part of the lesson. Then, consider two things:

1. Is each management option currently used on your operation to minimize nutrient excretion into the environment?
2. If it is not, is it a viable option for the future?

Thinking through this self-assessment will allow you to put together the best feeding program for your herd, optimizing performance and minimizing nutrient excretion.