



January 20, 2004

Dale I. M. Riggs
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Dear Dale:

1. Enclosed please find the interim report for our Farmer/Grower project # **FNE03-469**. We had a start date later than originally anticipated, but the program is well attended and going well. The original project goals are as follows:
 2. To establish a comprehensive beef production course for future and current livestock producers throughout New England to gain practical skills and knowledge in raising and marketing beef cattle. This course covers a broad skill set and is tailored towards producers with beginning and intermediate knowledge of raising beef cattle.
 3. Wolfe's Neck Farm consists of approximately 700 acres and maintains approximately 100 commercial cows. In addition to a commercial working farm, Wolfe's Neck has initiated a significant branded natural beef program that utilizes cooperating farms throughout the Northeast to supply this branded beef program to upscale food service and retail outlets east of the Mississippi.
 4. Most of the instruction is from Cooperative Extension Educators from Maine. Additional instructors are local veterinarian, fencing supplier, and Maine Department of Agriculture personnel in addition to Wolfe's Neck personnel. I have included a course schedule for your review.
 5. We are half way through the course. Please refer to schedule.
 6. There are 12 farms involved in course. Initial polling has seen favorable results building a base for future programs.
 7. N/A
 8. N/A

9. Students in the program are interested in some of the meat science including slaughtering and further processing of meat products that will be included in next years course.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erick Jensen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Erick Jensen
Wolfe's Neck Farm
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