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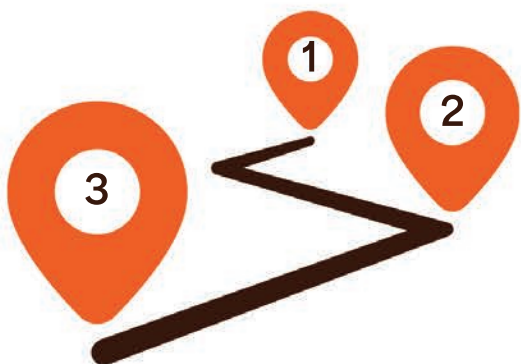


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As we look forward to the 2025 Central Plains Dairy Expo, it is an honor for me to serve as president of the Central Plains Dairy Association. This year's Expo promises to be one of the most exciting yet, as we come together to celebrate the strength and innovation of the dairy industry.



Tom Walsh

We are living in a time of change – changes in consumer demand, advancements in technology and evolving regulations. But one thing remains constant: the determination and resilience of dairy farmers. This year's Expo will showcase the very best of our industry, with more than 300 exhibitors offering cutting-edge products, services and technologies designed to enhance our operations and improve sustainability.

I encourage each of you to take advantage of the wealth of knowledge that will be shared throughout the Expo. From the educational sessions to networking opportunities, this event provides a platform for all of us to learn, grow and connect with one another. The challenges we face may be great, but together, we can ensure a bright and prosperous future for dairy in the Central Plains and beyond.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Expo, where we can reflect on our shared past, celebrate our current achievements and build the foundation for the dairy industry's continued success.

See you in March!

Tom Walsh
President, Central Plains Dairy Association

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5:00 PM	DOORS OPEN WELCOME RECEPTION INCLUDES CENTRAL PLAINS DAIRY APPETIZERS & ENTERTAINMENT BY RAELENN
9:00 PM	SHERATON HOSPITALITY ROOM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

6:30 AM	AG PRAYER BREAKFAST - DOORS OPEN
8:30 AM	TRADE SHOW OPENS
8:30 AM	FREE DONUTS
11:00 AM - 4:30 PM	BEER GARDEN OPEN
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS IN SPANISH
11:00 AM	FREE GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICHES
11:30 AM	DAIRY GIRL NETWORK LUNCHEON
2:00 PM	FREE ICE CREAM
4:30 PM	WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL
5:30 PM	TRADE SHOW CLOSES

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

8:00 AM	TRADE SHOW OPENS
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS IN SPANISH
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	BEER GARDEN OPEN
11:00 AM	FREE GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICHES
1:00 PM	FREE ICE CREAM
3:00 PM	TRADE SHOW CLOSES

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The Central Plains Dairy Expo (CPDE) remains free to attend. However, you need a badge to enter all activities and events.

▶ PRE-REGISTER ONLINE

Registration to attend the 2025 Expo is available **ONLINE!** To make in-person check-in fast and easy, simply register online at: www.centralplainsdairy.com

▶ ON-SITE REGISTRATION

We will have registration available on-site as well.

▶ NAME BADGES

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Welcome Reception

Tuesday, March 25

RaeLynn

RaeLynn to Headline CPDE Concert: A Night of Country Music and Celebration

Country music sensation RaeLynn will take the stage at the Central Plains Dairy Expo concert on March 25, at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls, SD. This highly anticipated performance marks a highlight of the Expo, where attendees will experience an unforgettable evening with one of the most vibrant stars in country music today.

A two-time ACM New Female Vocalist nominee, RaeLynn has captured hearts with her signature blend of emotional storytelling and bold, magnetic personality. Known for her distinct voice and relatable lyrics, she's made waves with hits like "God Made Girls" (Platinum-certified), "Love Triangle" (Gold), and her latest release, "Funny Girl," which marks a new chapter in her evolving career. With more than 2.8 million social media followers and more than 1 billion career streams, RaeLynn is a true force in the industry.

The CPDE concert kicks off at 7 p.m., but the evening's festivities start earlier with the CPDE Welcome Reception at 5 p.m. – a free, must-attend event for all dairy producers. Guests will enjoy hearty appetizers, 800 pounds of cheese served charcuterie style, and a variety of delicious ice cream flavors to keep things sweet before RaeLynn's performance. The Welcome Reception offers a perfect opportunity for attendees to network, relax, and indulge in a variety of tasty treats before the main event.

RaeLynn's performance at CPDE promises to be an unforgettable night of music, fun, and celebration. With her unique blend of country charm and authenticity, she's sure to deliver a concert that resonates deeply with fans old and new. Whether you're a longtime supporter of RaeLynn or discovering her music for the first time, this concert is a night you won't want to miss.

WELCOME RECEPTION

DOORS OPEN: Doors open to the Denny Sanford Premier Center at 5:00 p.m.

FREE TICKETS: Tickets to the Welcome Reception and entertainment are free for producers. However, registration is required. Visit www.centralplainsdairy.com/registration to pre-register for your name badge.

ON THE MENU: Join us early for heavy appetizers, cheese charcuteries and a large variety of ice cream flavors - all for free at the Welcome Reception. Thank you to our cheese and dairy donors AMPI, Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Agropur, and Prairie Farms.

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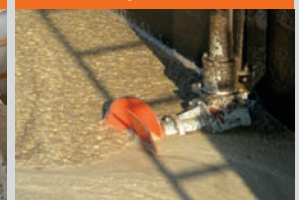
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AG PRAYER BREAKFAST



Rob Roozeboom

Wednesday, March 26 in the Premier Center:
Doors open at 6:30 a.m.

Get ready to be inspired at this year's Central Plains Dairy Expo Prayer Breakfast as Rob Roozeboom - a Jesus-follower, husband, dad, evangelist, speaker, podcaster and author - shares his broken - still chosen - journey. His passion is to inspire people to find hope and worth amidst brokenness.

As a young child, Rob dreamt of becoming an athlete and farmer. A muscular dystrophy diagnosis at age 5 crushed those dreams. Feeling painfully different and forgotten, Rob questioned his very existence and wrestled with God about his future. God had bigger dreams for Rob.

In 2001, Rob founded RISE Ministries, Inc. and in 2005 he launched RiseFest, an annual Christian music festival in Northwest Iowa that features some of the nation's top Christian artists and speakers.

Living with muscular dystrophy has given Rob a unique and relatable perspective on walking through adversity while holding onto faith. His authenticity connects with and encourages people from all walks of life. He's a sought-after speaker who shares his story and delivers Jesus' message of hope to communities, businesses and prominent events nationwide. He's shared the stage with Phil Wickham, For King & Country, TobyMac, Skillet, Lecrae, Anne Wilson, Jep Robertson, Megan Fate Marshman and Darryl Strawberry.

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In 2022, Rob and the RISE team created *RISE with Rob & Friends* to bring singer-songwriters together for storytelling and music. Inspired by Nashville "Writers' Rounds," artists perform their original songs and share how they were inspired. Through this "night of hope through storytelling and music," Rob shares the gospel message with thousands of people in Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota.

Rob also serves as the Christian Festival Association chairman, hosts the podcast "Enjoying the Journey" and produces annual Christmas and Easter TV programs, and "Stories of Strength," a video series with real-life stories of overcoming adversity through Jesus.



With special musical guest, Ellie Warring

Recently, Rob wrote his first book, "Broken Still Chosen." The book weaves Rob's inspiring story with biblical teaching - offering hope to those who feel broken, unloved, unseen or forgotten.

Additionally, Rob has received numerous humanitarian awards and has been featured multiple times on the National Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon. He and his wife live in northwest Iowa, with their three young adult children.

Set your wake-up alarm now! You won't want to miss Rob's inspirational messages.



SCHOLARSHIPS

CPDF's Scholarships: Investing in the Future of Dairy and Agriculture



The Central Plains Dairy Foundation (CPDF) is doing more than just offering scholarships; it's also shaping the dairy industry's future in the Central Plains region. This year, CPDF is expanding its reach and commitment to agricultural education with exciting scholarship opportunities for students passionate about shaping the future of dairy farming.

CPDF is proud to continue its legacy of fostering future leaders in agriculture with two groundbreaking scholarship programs, which are designed to invest directly in students who will shape the dairy industry's future. One of the foundation's goals is to strengthen the dairy community's "heart" in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Lon and Kathy Tonneson Scholarship

The \$500 Lon and Kathy Tonneson Scholarship honors the legacy of Lon and Kathy Tonneson – two individuals who have dedicated their lives to agriculture and community service. Open to students who have completed at least one semester of post-secondary education in agriculture, with a focus on ag communications or leadership, this scholarship is a vital part of CPDF's investment in tomorrow's agricultural leaders. This scholarship typically launches about Dec. 1.

Why does it matter? As the dairy industry faces evolving challenges – from market shifts to technological innovation – the need for strong leadership and communication skills has never been greater. The Tonneson Scholarship equips young students with the tools they need to thrive in these areas and drive the industry forward.

New CPDF \$5,000 scholarships

In addition to the Tonneson Scholarship, CPDF is making an even bolder move this year by introducing three \$5,000 scholarships aimed at students pursuing a two- or four-year degree focused on the dairy industry. This isn't just a scholarship; it's an investment in the future of the entire dairy sector. Look for scholarship application details starting Dec. 1.

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Kristy Mach, Central Plains Dairy Foundation executive director, sums it up perfectly:

“Higher education is the foundation for continuous learning – one of CPDF’s cornerstones. By offering these scholarships, we are not just supporting students; we’re making an investment in the people who will drive the future of dairy farming.”

The CPDF scholarship program is more than just a financial contribution; it’s about creating opportunities for students to develop the skills needed to navigate an evolving industry. Whether it’s through communication, leadership or technical expertise, these scholarships ensure that the future of dairy in the Central Plains is in capable hands.

In an industry that’s constantly changing, CPDF is leading the charge to ensure that future dairy professionals have the knowledge, skills and leadership abilities to meet tomorrow’s challenges – and that’s something every dairy farmer and industry professional can get behind. Don’t miss this opportunity to support the next generation of dairy leaders by supporting the Central Plains Dairy Foundation.

To make a contribution to CPDF, send a check – payable to the Central Plains Dairy Foundation – to 126 West Main Street, New Prague, MN 56071.

In addition, you can support CPDF by participating in CPDF’s annual fundraiser – Grazing on the Greens – set for July 30, at Rocky Run Golf Course, Dell Rapids, SD. Registration opens March 1. Find more details about participating and/or sponsoring this event at: <https://www.centralplainsdairy.com/golf-outing>.

“Grazing on the Greens” annual golf outing.



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Navigating Uncertainty: Guiding Producers Through Transition with Confidence

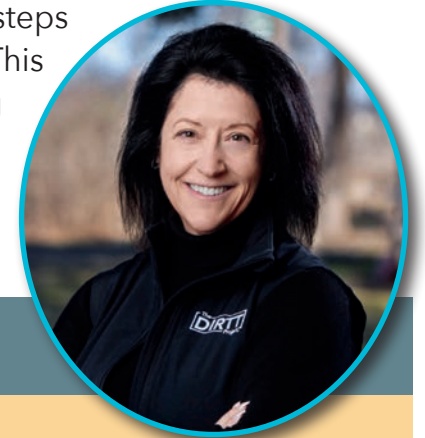
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Session Description:

In the face of change, whether managing a business succession, family transition or other pivotal shifts, producers often find themselves overwhelmed by uncertainty. The weight of balancing family dynamics, team management and business continuity can feel isolating and daunting. Rena Striegel, an expert in transition planning, will share insights on how families can embrace change with clarity and confidence. By focusing on setting clear goals, improving decision-making and fostering communication, one can achieve a better life balance. Striegel will share steps you can take now to start moving through the complexities of transition. This session will provide practical strategies for reducing stress and increasing your ability to lead with certainty - helping you and your family navigate this critical phase with a fresh perspective and unwavering support.



Meet the Presenter: Rena Striegel

President | Transition Point Business Advisors

Rena Striegel, creator of The DIRTT Project, is an internationally recognized business coach and consultant with more than 20 years of experience working directly with farmers, ag leaders, senior executives and entrepreneurs to identify and implement strategies that create growth and profitability. As president of Transition Point Business Advisors, she leads client projects in strategic planning, business succession, continuity planning and employee/leadership development. Her talent lies in helping business owners and executives make connections between concepts and applications to help them achieve the level of operational excellence that allows resources to be focused on growth and transition, rather than fixing problems. Her direct and honest bottom-line approach has helped the leaders and management teams of farms and agribusinesses across the United States develop and implement plans for transition while improving their overall performance through clear, executable strategies and higher employee contribution. Her practical and often humorous approach to leadership makes her a sought-after keynote speaker at conferences. Striegel grew up on a dairy and hog farm in What Cheer, Iowa. She is a certified business coach and holds an MBA from the University of Iowa. In addition to her hands-on work with business owners, she hosts the Ag Inspo podcast and is a frequent contributor in farming publications, such as Top Producer magazine, Progressive Forage, Farm Journal and Cattle Business Weekly.

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Avian Influenza:

Protecting Farms and Industry in the Face of HPAI Threats

Session Description:

Join a dynamic panel discussion, moderated by Matt Hille, as state veterinarians provide critical updates on the ongoing fight against highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). This session will cover the latest developments - from understanding how the virus spreads, including when it's not directly linked to birds - to where we stand with vaccine advancements. Learn why biosecurity is crucial for both personal and industry-wide protection, and explore practical measures to safeguard your farm. The panel will also dive into Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regulations, realistic protocols and the essential testing practices being implemented. Whether you're on a dairy farm or another agricultural operation, small changes in biosecurity can make a big impact. Don't miss this essential conversation and update on HPAI.



Meet the Presenter: Matt Hille

Assistant Professor | Nebraska Veterinary Diagnostic Center

Originally from West Central Nebraska, Matt Hille graduated with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Iowa State University. He practiced beef cattle feedlot and cow/calf medicine in South Dakota for approximately five years before coming to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for a PhD and residency in anatomic pathology, which he completed in 2021. Currently, Hille is an assistant professor and diagnostic pathologist at the Nebraska Veterinary Diagnostic Center. His research and diagnostic interests focus on infectious diseases and immunology of beef cattle.

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The Evolving Dairy Landscape: Addressing Cow Health, Environmental Impacts and Economic Pressures

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Session Description:

This session will address hot topics currently impacting the dairy industry. Topics include environmental impacts, animal welfare, food safety and economic issues. Learn how these topics can affect you and your operation.



Meet the Presenter: Luke Miller

Dairy Technical Support Specialist | Alltech

Luke Miller received his bachelor's degree in animal science and doctorate in veterinary medicine from Michigan State University. Upon graduation, he spent eight years practicing as a large animal veterinarian, eventually becoming the practice owner. He practiced all facets of large animal medicine but also aided dairymen in the design and implementation of protocols and standard operating procedures. Then, Miller took a full-time position as the general manager for a 6,000-head, multi-site dairy in Central California. In joining the Alltech team, Miller brings valuable experience and expertise from every level of a dairy operation.

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Learnings and Implementation of On-farm Sustainability Reporting



Session Description:

Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative and Farmers for Sustainable Food announced the impressive outcomes generated in the first year of their U.S. Department of Agriculture Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Program. This panel discussion will bring together representatives of the teams engaged in the program to discuss the outcomes and why farmers are encouraged about the results.

Moderated by:
Lucas Sjostrom
Managing Director,
Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative



Panelist:
Michael Crinion
Managing Partner,
Ash Grove Dairy



Panelist:
Drew Kessler
Scientist and Principal,
Houston Engineering, Inc.



Panelist:
Jamie Fisher
Senior Project Manager,
Farmers for Sustainable Food

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It Starts with the Bugs: Optimizing Rumen Development in Dairy Calves

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Dairy calves are tasked with a tall order when they are born - to expedite rumen development to allow early transition from liquid to solid feed. When successful, this allows a dairy calf to continue to flourish through the weaning and growing phases. Learn how strategic utilization of a rumen native microbe can enhance rumen development in calf raising.



Meet the Presenter: Craig Louder

Technical Services Veterinarian | Axiota Animal Health

Craig Louder graduated from Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2012. He joined High Desert Veterinary Services in Jerome, Idaho, where he practiced for nine years, becoming a partner in 2017. In 2018, he began consulting part time for MULTIMIN USA and transitioned to a full-time role as a technical services veterinarian with Axiota Animal Health in September 2021.

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Optimizing Herd Productivity and Health:

Advanced Transition Cow Management and Nutrition Strategies

Session Description:

The transition period is the most critical and complex phase in a dairy cow's life. Nutritional demands and hormonal changes during this time, both pre- and post-calving, significantly affect immune function, early lactation productivity and future reproductive success. This period greatly influences overall lactation performance, productivity, disease risk and culling rates.

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Meet the Presenter: Ruby Wu

Technical Services Manager | Arm & Hammer Animal Nutrition

Ruby Wu has been a pivotal member of Arm and Hammer's Field Technical Services team since 2017. In her role, she provides expert technical support to the sales team, key influencers and producers across the Americas. Wu holds a bachelor's degree in animal science from China Agricultural University in Beijing, China. She furthered her education at the University of Georgia, earning a master's degree and PhD in dairy nutrition, with a focus on rumen bypass lysine and dietary cation anion difference (DCAD) feeding for transition cows. Her specialized expertise lies in transition cow nutrition and management. With more than a decade of experience in technical and project management roles, Wu has successfully launched various new products.



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Growing Again: A Look at the Dairy Markets in 2025

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Session Description:

With dry wit and vibrant charts, Sarina Sharp will explain the fundamentals behind the dairy, livestock and feed markets. She'll give an outlook for dairy and beef revenues and feed costs in the year to come so that dairy producers will be empowered to manage their financial risks. Additionally, she will help dairy producers understand the factors that will impact their milk and beef revenues and feed expenses in the year to come, including consumer trends, international milk production and ongoing headwinds to expansion in the U.S. dairy sector.



Meet the Presenter: Sarina Sharp

Commodity Market Analyst | The Daily Dairy Report

Sarina Sharp grew up on dairy farms in California and then Michigan. For 15 years, Sharp has helped dairy producers and farmers manage their commodity market risk.

Dry Off: A New Beginning or End of the Line?

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Session Description:

This presentation is to inform producers of the importance of a successful dry-off. Understanding the phases the udder goes through during this process is crucial. Also, it is important to know why dry-off protocols are suggested, as well as the pros and cons of our actions.



Meet the Presenter: Chris Rock

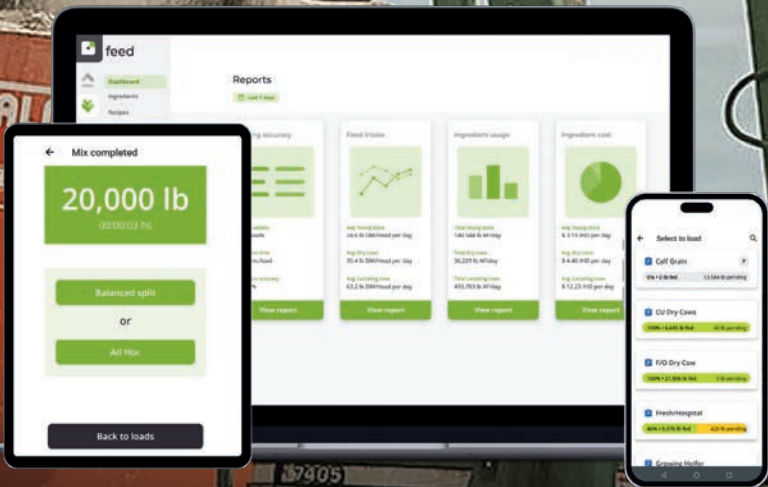
Technical Services Consultant | AHV USA

Chris Rock is a 2017 graduate of the Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine. He grew up on a feedlot in northern Iowa and played baseball in college in Dubuque, Iowa, before moving to Ames, Iowa, for veterinary school. He was part-owner of a four-doctor practice until he underwent carpal tunnel surgery on both wrists. Faced with the likelihood of reagravating his injury, he made a career change to begin working for Animal Health Vision, a Netherlands-based animal health company.

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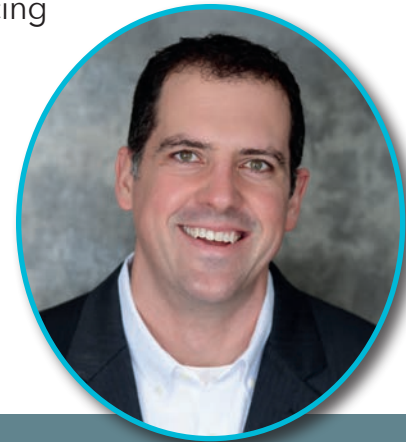
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Practical Insights for Managing Transition Cow Inflammation

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Session Description:

This presentation will provide practical strategies for managing and reducing inflammation in transition cows - focusing on effective management practices that improve herd health and productivity. The presenter will explain the basics of inflammation and the various causes of inflammation in dairy cows. He will define the harmful effects of excessive and unresolved inflammation. Additionally, he will summarize and highlight management practices to help minimize the negative effects of inflammation in transition cows, and offer nutrition strategies to control the extent of inflammation.



Meet the Presenter: Tim Doherty

Business Manager | Form-A-Feed

Tim Doherty is a 19-year veteran of the dairy nutrition and feed business - serving nutrition needs of dairy customers in New England and the Upper Midwest. As a business manager for Form-A-Feed, he provides on-farm nutrition services in Wisconsin and Minnesota, sales team leadership and technical support. He is passionate about dairy cow nutrition, in particular transition cow nutrition and management, as well as the many factors affecting gut health.

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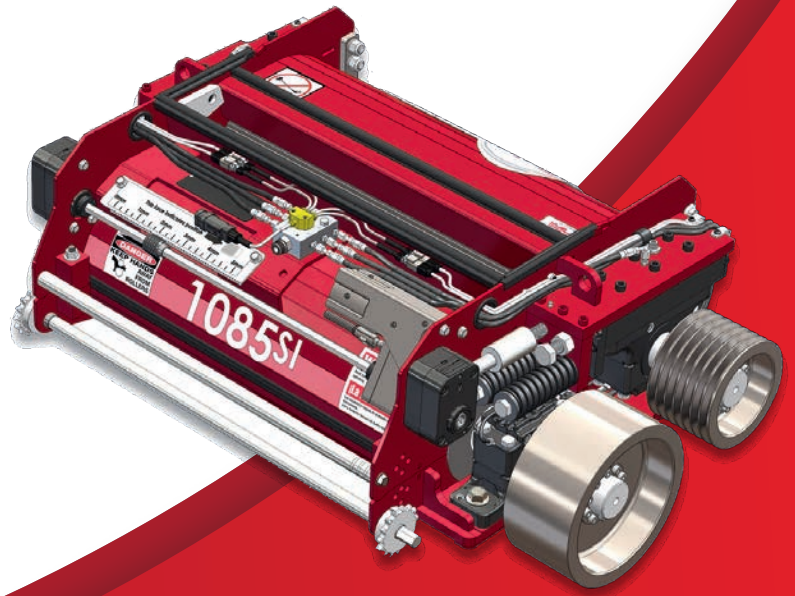


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Meet the Presenters: Andrew Beckel & Dagmar Beckel Machyckova

Andrew Beckel - Founder | Golden Calf Company

Andrew Beckel has transformed how dairy farmers across the United States manage colostrum and care for newborn calves. In 2010, he founded Golden Calf Company in Bloomer, Wis., becoming a passionate advocate for neonatal calf care. He firmly believes in U.S. manufacturing - producing everything from colostrum pasteurizers to bags and tube feeders. Known for his hands-on approach, Beckel goes the extra mile to help farmers enhance their management protocols.

Dagmar Beckel Machyckova - General Manager | Golden Calf Company

Dagmar Beckel Machyckova is the general manager of Golden Calf Company, a U.S. manufacturer of innovative dairy colostrum solutions based in Bloomer, Wis. Beckel Machyckova is a passionate promoter of technology for dairy farm maternity areas. Her innovative spirit has led to groundbreaking products like the Auto Fill Colostrum Station, which is the first in the industry to provide an objective source for colostrum quality and connecting the dam to calf. Beckel Machyckova's professional interests lie in data-driven innovation, lean manufacturing and organizational systems.

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Prevention and Treatment of Subclinical Hypocalcemia to Optimize Health and Reproduction in Dairy Cattle

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Session Description:

The presenter will discuss new research that shows the impact of subclinical hypocalcemia on health, rumination, reproduction and production. In addition, she will report on strategies to prevent and treat hypocalcemia, including dietary strategies and the use of calcium boluses. Attendees will learn about the impact of subclinical hypocalcemia, strategies that may prevent hypocalcemia and potential tactics for treating hypocalcemia.



Meet the Presenter: Clair Seely

Assistant Professor | University of New Hampshire

Clair Seely is an assistant professor at the University of New Hampshire. Her research focuses on the integration of dairy cow biology and precision dairy technologies. With a specific emphasis on epidemiological methods, through her research she hopes to expand our knowledge of transition cow physiology while optimizing and validating technologies that can improve cow health, well-being and productivity.

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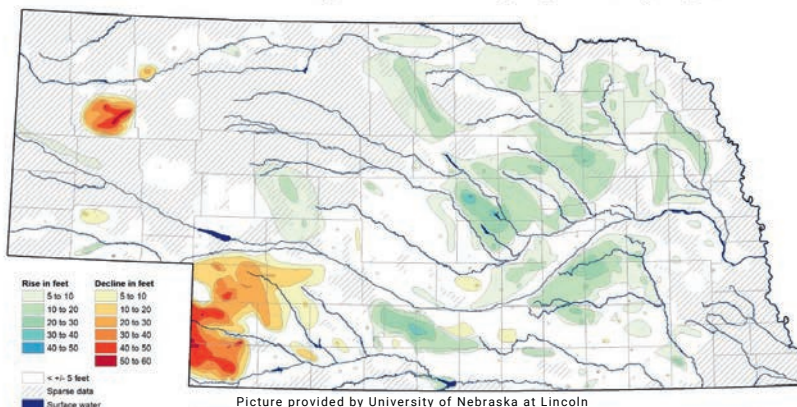
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Youngstock Monitoring: Insights Gained and Future Opportunities

Session Description:

Wearable health monitoring technology is a new development in the calf space. Both expected and unexpected outcomes have arisen. We will explore real-world scenarios, opportunities and potential future features. By attending this session, attendees will understand the importance of young stock health monitoring and develop skills to interpret monitoring data and use it for decision making.

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Meet the Presenter: Sarah Anderson

Customer Success Specialist | Merck Animal Health

Sarah Anderson is the Midwest dairy monitoring success specialist for Merck Animal Health. Anderson was first introduced to the SenseHub technology when she worked at her home farm of 1,000 cows in Lancaster, Wis., from 2010-2016. She then supported the monitoring technology at Semex, where the technology is known as AI24. She joined Merck in March 2020 where she works directly with customers post-sale to help them ensure success with their monitoring system from adjusting protocols, training staff and maximizing return on investment.

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In this interactive session, the presenter will reveal how to understand and maximize the profit centers within a feed management system. Your program should help define the culture of your dairy and evaluate change. Use the data at hand to work through the mindset of more milk vs. components and what is best for your business. Learn the basic steps that are crucial to solid data and sound decisions.



Meet the Presenter: Keith Sather

President | Supervisor Systems/KS Dairy Consulting

Keith Sather is the owner and creator of KS Dairy Consulting and Supervisor Systems. Sather is a 1984 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, where he majored in animal science. Following nine years in the feed industry, he founded KS Dairy Consulting, with a focus on dairy nutrition and responsible management practices. Shortly after he formed Supervisor Systems, he created Feed Supervisor, Hoof Supervisor and Truck Supervisor. Sather works with dairy producers, consultants and hoof trimmers throughout the world, with a commitment to excellence and innovation.

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The Power of the Female

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Meet the Presenter: Chelsea Abbott

Dairy Consultant | Trans Ova Genetics

Chelsea Abbott grew up in Vermont showing Holsteins. She studied dairy science at Virginia Tech and received a master's degree in dairy reproductive physiology from the University of Tennessee. Abbott worked as a consultant for a few years, before moving to Montana. She returned to the dairy industry as a dairy consultant for Trans Ova Genetics.



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From Data to Impact: Maximizing Dry Matter Intake for Optimal Performance

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In this session, Van Beek will dive into the feed reasoning behind dry matter intake (DMI), focusing on its direct influence on animal health, productivity and overall farm performance. He will explore why DMI matters beyond the numbers and how having the right data supports better decision making. By taking a hands-on approach to bridge the gap between scientific insights and business strategies, you will leave the session empowered to enhance performance and profitability through smart feeding practices. Join us as we show you how maximizing DMI can drive measurable, lasting improvements in your dairy operation.



Meet the Presenter: Ron Van Beek

Founder | Van Beek Natural Science

Ron Van Beek is a visionary entrepreneur with more than 40 years of dedicated experience in advancing animal health and performance. As the founder of Van Beek Natural Science, Van Beek has built a company that stands as a trusted leader in the animal health industry, renowned for its innovative, nature-based solutions. Driven by a passion for sustainable agriculture, Van Beek has empowered livestock producers to achieve greater profitability and long-term growth by offering science-backed, results-oriented product portfolios.

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Research and Producer Panel Discussion

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Presenter

*Kevin Harvatine,
Professor of Nutritional Physiology,
Penn State University*



Panelists

*Nathan Brandt,
Four Cubs Farm,
Grantsburg, Wis.*



*Tim Hood,
Hood Farms LLC,
PawPaw, Mich.*

Meet the Presenter: Kevin Harvatine

Kevin J. Harvatine is professor of nutritional physiology at Penn State University. He grew up on his family's dairy farm in Pennsylvania and received his bachelor's degree in animal science from Penn State. He earned a master's degree from Michigan State University and PhD from Cornell University. Harvatine's research is focused on factors that impact milk fat synthesis strategies to improve milk fat yield. His research spans from applied nutrition to basic biology and provides real-world applications to the dairy industry and a basic understanding of biological mechanisms. Current ongoing projects focus on optimal methods for balancing dietary fat, including how to best utilize high oleic soybeans.

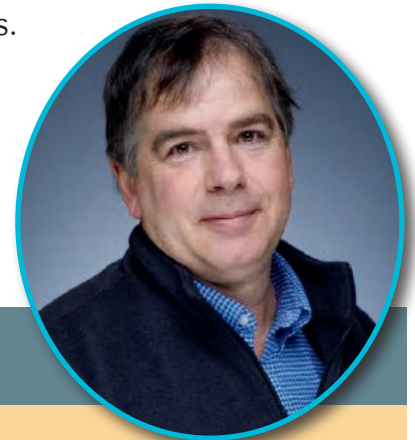
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U.S. Genetic Progress – Where Did We Gain and Where Did We Fall Short?

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Meet the Presenter: David Erf

Senior Dairy Technical Services Geneticist | Zoetis

Born and raised on a dairy in North Central Ohio, David Erf is a member of the Zoetis Dairy Technical Services team as a dairy geneticist. In this role, he assists with the CLARIFIDE dairy genomic testing program. He helps customers realize the full potential of genomic testing by understanding and utilizing genomic data. He received a bachelor's degree in dairy science from Ohio State University and a master's degree in animal breeding from the University of Minnesota. Erf has more than 20 years of experience in the artificial insemination industry and has served on numerous boards and committees dealing with dairy cattle genetics.

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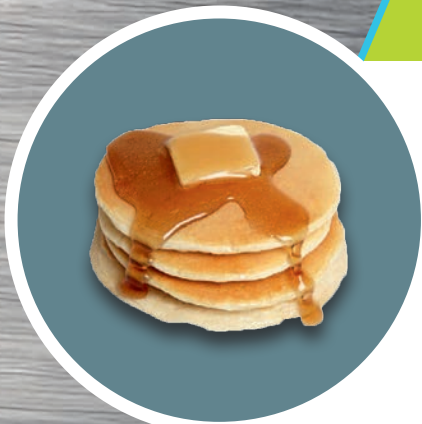
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Meet the Presenter: Billy Brown

Assistant Professor | Kansas State University

Billy Brown grew up on his family's beef and hay operations during their time in Louisiana, Texas and Kansas. He studied animal science with a dairy emphasis at Kansas State University (KSU), before completing a master's degree in dairy cattle nutrition at Michigan State University. He took a five-year break from academia to promote Kansas agriculture while working at the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Next, Brown completed a doctoral program in dairy cattle nutrition at KSU, followed by postdoctoral training at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Joining the KSU faculty in 2022, where he is responsible for teaching introductory dairy and general nutrition courses, his research program focuses on dairy cattle nutritional physiology, with a particular interest in elucidating mechanisms contributing to variation in nutrient utilization and feed intake regulation in lactating dairy cows and development programming in calves.



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Meet the Presenter: Mark Newman

Account Executive | CIH

Mark Newman has been an account executive on CIH's dairy desk since 2019. He helps dairy producers across the country manage their risk, identify opportunities and develop comprehensive margin management strategies in this volatile economic climate. Newman attended the University of Iowa where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in finance. He also holds a series 3 license (National Commodities Futures Examination).

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Meet the Presenters: Dylan Ash & Meagan Young

Dylan Ash - Farm Performance Consultant | VAS

Leveraging his passion for the dairy industry, Dylan Ash collaborates with dairy producers and industry professionals in Minnesota as a farm performance consultant for VAS. He graduated from Dordt University where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration, broadening his network and expertise within the dairy industry. In his current role, Ash aims to enhance operational efficiency for producers and empower them to make more informed, data-driven decisions - utilizing VAS' suite of products.

Meagan Young - Voice of Customer Program Manager | VAS

Meagan Young is the Voice of Customer Program Manager at VAS building an ecosystem of customer insights that drives customer experience. She has been with VAS for 5 years beginning as a Software Support Specialist and managed the Dairy Support Team of 24 highly talented individuals for 3 years before moving into the Voice of Customer Role. Meagan is an alum from Colorado State University where she studied Agricultural Business and Spanish.

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Dairy Checkoff and State Trade Association Networking Reception

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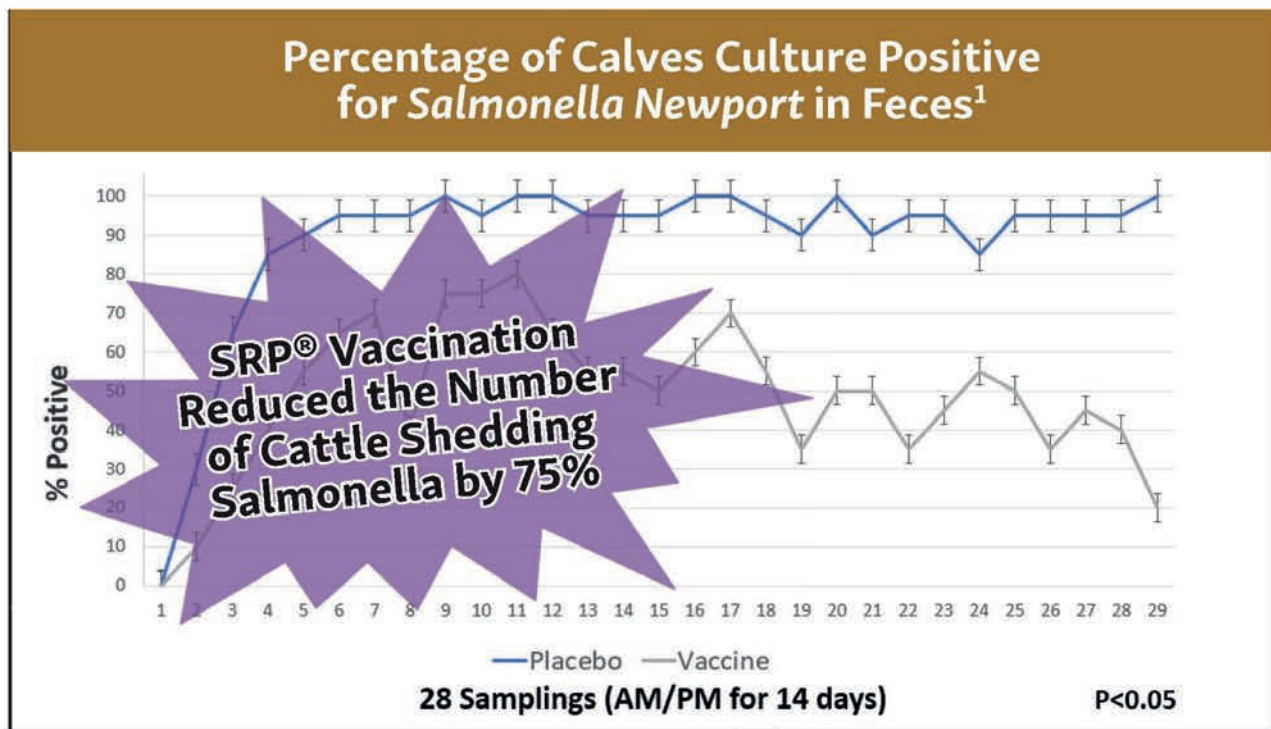
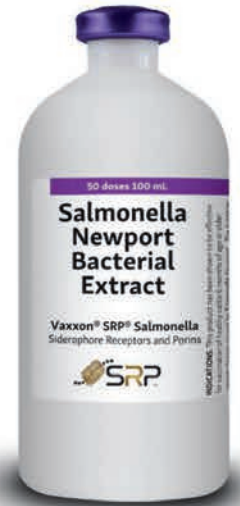
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Meet the Presenter: Michael Hutjens

Professor Emeritus | University of Illinois

Mike Hutjens was raised on a grade Holstein farm near Green Bay, Wis., and earned bachelor's, master's and PhD degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. From 1971 to 1979, Hutjens was the extension dairy specialist at the University of Minnesota where he coached the national champion collegiate dairy judging team in 1978 at World Dairy Expo. Since 1979, he has been a member of the University of Illinois animal sciences department as extension dairy specialist, until his retirement on Dec. 31, 2010. During his career, he earned several awards, including Undergraduate Teaching Purina Award from the American Dairy Science Association (ADSA), National DeLaval Extension Worker Award, Applied Nutrition Award from ADSA, Outstanding Extramural Instructor (University of Illinois award) and two citations from the Minnesota Board of Regents. Hutjens served as the 2004-2005 ADSA president. In 2008, he was named World Dairy Expo's "Service Person of the Year."



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Meet the Presenter: Eric Zwiefelhofer

Central USA Dairy Sales Manager | STgenetics

Eric Zwiefelhofer is originally from northwestern Wisconsin where he grew up on his family's dairy farm. He earned a bachelor's degree in dairy science from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls in 2015. He continued his education at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada where he earned his PhD in veterinary biomedical sciences in 2020. His PhD research focused on ovarian synchronization prior to embryo collection and fixed-time artificial insemination in cattle. After his PhD, he completed a postdoc developing protocols for oocyte collection, embryo transfer and fixed-time artificial insemination in bison. He joined the STgenetics team in 2022 where he is a strategic account manager within the Dairy Technical Services team. Currently, he is the Central U.S. sales manager for the Dairy team and works with producers across the United States.

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Meet the Presenter: Renee Schrift

Business Line Director - Agricultural Systems | McLanahan Corporation

Since joining the company in January 2001, Renee Schrift has worked to expand McLanahan’s customer base and dealer network, and she continues to serve as a resource for dairy producers. She now leads the Agricultural Systems Business Unit, further developing the global growth of the brand. Schrift attended The Pennsylvania State University, where she attained a bachelor’s degree in dairy and animal science.

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Meet the Presenter: Jenny Wackershauser

Senior Dairy Analyst and Feed Foundations Advisor | Ever.Ag

Jenny Wackershauser is a senior dairy analyst and feed foundations advisor at Ever.Ag. After 12 years of feed byproduct trading to dairies and feed mills, Wackershauser joined the Ever.ag team in 2018, helping clients manage their feed risk and milk risk - utilizing CME futures and options or DRP (Dairy Revenue Protection) and LGM (Livestock Gross Margin) insurance. Growing up on a small, registered Holstein dairy in Southwest Wisconsin, she continued her education at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. With animal science and agriculture business degrees, Wackershauser brings her hands-on knowledge of the dairy and feed industries to Ever.Ag clients as they navigate volatile markets.

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Managing Milk Prices in 2025

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Milk markets are as volatile as ever with new cheese capacity coming online, exports uncertain and new pricing formulas coming in June 2025. Get an update on the programs available for dairy producers today - Dairy Margin Coverage, Dairy Revenue Protection (DRP) Insurance, Livestock Gross Margin (LGM) - Dairy Insurance, futures, options and more. But, hedging doesn't need to be complicated. This session will keep risk management simple, straightforward and arm you with what you need to know to implement a successful program on your dairy.



Meet the Presenter: Katie Burgess

Dairy Market Advising Director | Ever.Ag

Katie Burgess developed a passion for the dairy industry while growing up on a Wisconsin dairy farm and joined the Ever.Ag team in 2012. She works with clients across the dairy supply chain, including producers, cooperatives, processors, retailers, restaurants and multi-national end-users. As a trained economist and commodity broker, she keeps customers updated on dairy supply and demand fundamentals, and helps them manage price volatility via hedging programs. She holds a master's degree in agricultural and applied economics, and a bachelor's degree in agricultural business management, both from the University of Wisconsin.



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Unleashing the Power of Alfalfa in Your Cropping System – A Fireside Discussion

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Session Description:

Learn about the benefits of high-yielding, high-quality alfalfa during this fireside chat-style discussion hosted by Erika Rodbell, forage research agronomist with Forage Genetics International. In this session, the presenter will discuss solutions to challenges that this unique forage can provide for your dairy operation. Rodbell will also discuss how alfalfa can be managed for higher yield, better quality and flexibility for a better return on investment on your operation.



Meet the Presenter: Erika Rodbell

Forage Research Agronomist | Forage Genetics International

Erika Rodbell is a forage research agronomist at Forage Genetics International. Rodbell is responsible for using applied research experience in sustainable agriculture and pest management to provide education and training around alfalfa pest management to agronomy retailers and producers. She earned her bachelor's degree in conservation biology from St. Lawrence University, her master's degree in entomology and sustainable agriculture from Iowa State University, and her PhD from Montana State University-Bozeman, where she researched pyrethroid resistance in the alfalfa weevil across the Intermountain West.

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From single-operator rotaries to multi-site dairies, the milking center is the heart of a dairy farm. In this session, a panel of dairy producers will share how the installation of rotary parlors has helped them increase efficiency while meeting their labor and production goals. From 40 to 120 bails, attendees will learn how dairies of all sizes have included the building of a rotary to satisfy their production targets and prepare for the future.



Meet the Presenter: Jeff Hahn

Solution Manager, Rotaries, Parlors, and Milking Systems | DeLaval

Jeff Hahn, solution manager, rotaries, parlors, and milking systems at DeLaval, has been in the dairy industry for more than 20 years, holding roles at local Wisconsin dealerships and DeLaval North America throughout that time.

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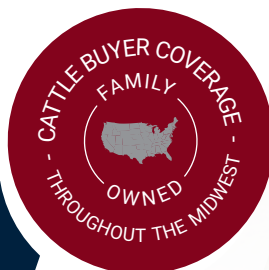
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Optimizing Calf Health: Strategies for Management, Nutrition and Immunity

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During this presentation, the presenter will talk about optimizing calf health and performance. She will talk about stressors that calves go through and management strategies that can minimize the effects of those. Nutrition is often thought of in terms of growth rate, but the presenter will relate that back to the health of the calf, as well. The presentation will conclude with immunity and how nutrition and management relate to a calf's immune response.



Meet the Presenter: Minnie Ward

Business Coach | Everything Calves Consulting LLC

Minnie Ward and her family own and operate a custom calf-raising facility. Her career started as a preschool teacher. Having grown up on a dairy farm, it became apparent the dairy industry was where she needed to be. Ward discovered that working with calves was her true passion. During her career, she has worked as a herdsman on a few large dairies and nutritionist/calf and heifer specialist for Land O'Lakes/Purina, Sci-Tech and Form A Feed. Most recently, Ward worked for Calf Star as the company's Midwest sales representative. Last April, she started her own calf consulting business - specializing in practical approaches to calf rearing. In this role, her goal is to help dairy producers, calf ranchers and industry professionals through training and implementing new calf health/rearing practices.

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Producer Pathways to Profit for Sustainable Practices

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The vision to turn sustainability into an opportunity for dairy farmers begins with solutions and tools that reduce environmental impact, then recognizing these efforts by quantifying them through analytical services and partnerships designed to turn these quantifications into assets that can be certified and sold to consumer-packaged goods companies working to meet their climate neutrality goals. Kvidera will cover why ruminants are so sustainable to begin with, an overview of greenhouse gas emissions in the dairy industry today, the future of enteric methane solutions and how this will ultimately result in economic sustainability for the dairy producer.



Meet the Presenters: Sara Kvidera & Kevin Dhuyvetter

Sara Kvidera - Dairy Sustainability Technical Lead | Elanco Animal Health

Sara Kvidera is the dairy sustainability technical lead at Elanco Animal Health. Kvidera grew up on a row-crop and beef cow-calf farm in Iowa. She attended Kansas State University for her bachelor's degree and completed a PhD in nutritional science at Iowa State University in 2017. Kvidera has studied and published in areas related to dairy cow metabolism, heat stress, inflammation, feed additives and gut health. She has worked as a technical consultant in the industry since 2017 and joined Elanco Animal Health in April of 2021, where she is responsible for providing technical support around feed additives and sustainability.

Kevin Dhuyvetter - Dairy Technical Consultant | Elanco Animal Health

Kevin Dhuyvetter is the distinguished technical advisor for Elanco Animal Health's U.S. Dairy Business Unit, with responsibility for providing technical support to U.S. dairy producers and key influencers on economic-related issues in the dairy industry. His primary focus is to analyze factors affecting profitability of dairy operations, developing decision tools and analyzing herd health, production and economic data. In the last several years, he has also been involved with Elanco's UpLook platform for quantifying carbon emissions and emission reductions on dairies. Prior to joining Elanco in 2014, Dhuyvetter spent 27 years with Kansas State University - working as an extension specialist and research economist, where he focused on leasing and buying land, machinery costs, crop and livestock production economics, marketing and technology adoption. Dhuyvetter received his bachelor's, master's and PhD degrees from North Dakota State University, Iowa State University and Kansas State University, respectively, all in agricultural economics.

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Calf Scours Continues to be a Prevailing Problem in Calves... A New Treatment Strategy Proves Successful!

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Calf scours accounts for approximately 50-60% of preweaned heifer deaths and is a prevailing problem in many operations. While many treatment modalities have been attempted, few have proven successful. Two problems exist when a calf succumbs to scours, dehydration and significant tissue damage to the gastrointestinal tract. While various calf products have been developed to treat scours, none directly address both dehydration and tissue damage in a disruptive way. Bovine colostrum has repeatedly shown efficacy in the treatment of human gastrointestinal diseases.



Meet the Presenter: Michael Nagorske

Owner | ProGen Cattle Solutions

Michael Nagorske grew up on a grain and cattle operation in Southwestern Minnesota, which continues to operate today. He is co-owner of Nagorske Brothers Angus, which provides seedstock to commercial and registered breeders throughout the United States. He attended veterinary school at the University of Minnesota and started working for Trans Ova Genetics at the beginning of his veterinary career. He served on the Professional Services Team and performed procedures associated with assisted reproductive technologies as it related to embryo transfer and in vitro fertilization in beef and dairy production systems. This is where he found a deep passion for raising calves and served as director for the Veterinary Services Team, which was responsible for managing health and performance of the Elite Calf program's youngstock, Viagen Cloning program and Genetic Advancements Center's heifer program. Nagorske also served as director of research for SCCL, where he collaborated on many calf studies with researchers throughout the world. He currently owns and operates ProGen Cattle Solutions, a calf consulting and nutrition service, where he provides consultation for dairy and calf ranch operations in the United States.

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The Sweet Spot: How Molasses Complements Adult Cow Rations

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Session Description:

Explore the role of molasses and liquid feeds in dairy rations, highlighting their benefits for forage digestion, reduced sorting behavior and overall cow performance.



Meet the Presenter: Gail Carpenter

Assistant Professor and Dairy Extension Specialist | Iowa State University

Gail Carpenter is an assistant professor and state dairy extension specialist at Iowa State University. Carpenter is a native of Central Michigan and attended Michigan State University for her bachelor's degree, the University of Minnesota for her master's degree and Kansas State University for her PhD. She has worked as an assistant professor at the University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus and a dairy nutritionist with CSA Animal Nutrition in Dayton, Ohio, before beginning at Iowa State in 2021. Carpenter's role includes extension, research and teaching, and she focuses on applied nutrition and management strategies for productive dairy herds in each of these roles.

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Goldilocks:

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With so many gut health technologies available for calves, it's getting hard to know what's "too much" and what is "too little." The presenter will uncover some potential problematic scenarios and leave listeners with questions to guide their future decisions regarding "Is this the right product for me and my calves?"



Meet the Presenter: Jill Soderstrom

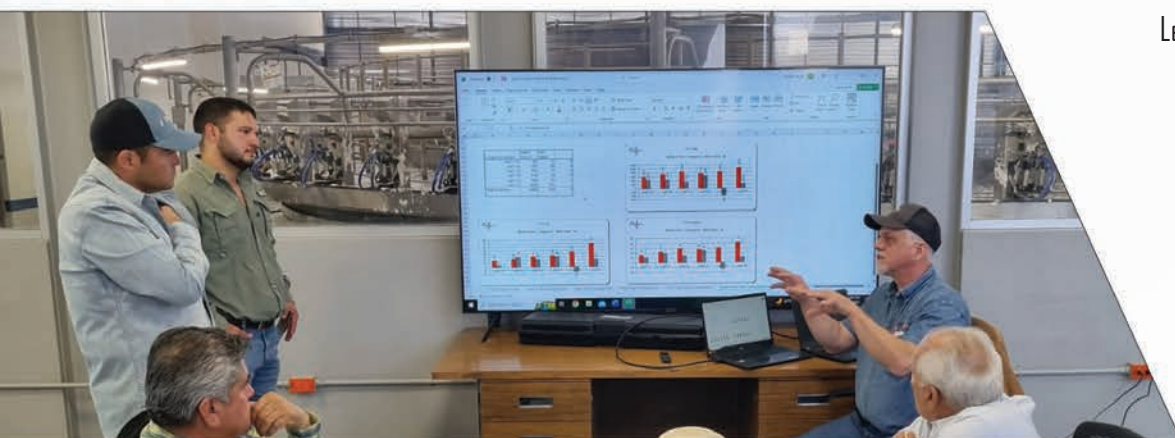
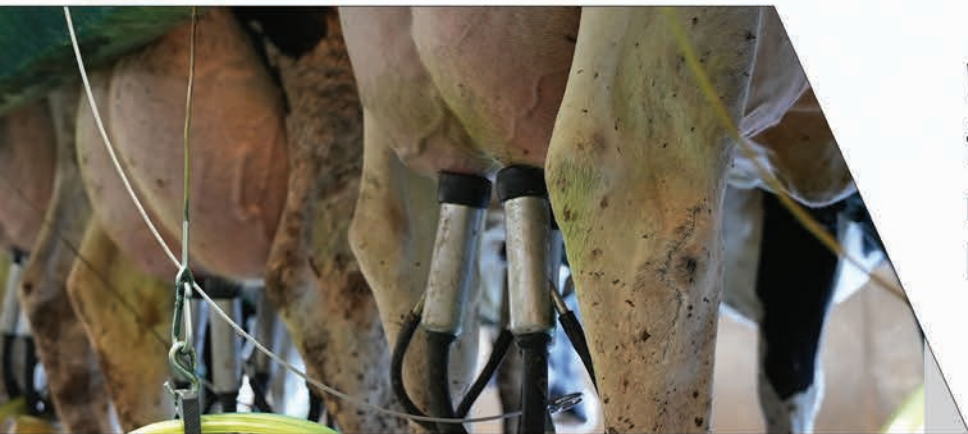
Dairy Young Animal Solutions Specialist | Land O'Lakes

Jill Soderstrom has a passion for improving animal well-being and performance through supporting health and optimizing the gut microbiome. She has an interest in working with calves, since early life is when you can have your greatest impact on optimizing dairy cow performance. With these goals in mind, she joined the Technical Innovations Team at Land O'Lakes as a dairy young animal solutions specialist in November 2018. Her role involves supporting the U.S. sales teams for Land O'Lakes and Calva milk replacers and calf care technologies, as well as being part of the Milk Replacer Research & Product Development Team. Previously, Soderstrom worked for an animal health company - supporting the West U.S. sales team that sold probiotics and silage inoculants for dairy cows. Soderstrom grew up in California, attending the University of California-Davis for her master's degree and PhD in animal biology. Her research focused on dairy cattle nutrition and behavior.



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Milk Quality, Mastitis and Parlor Interactions

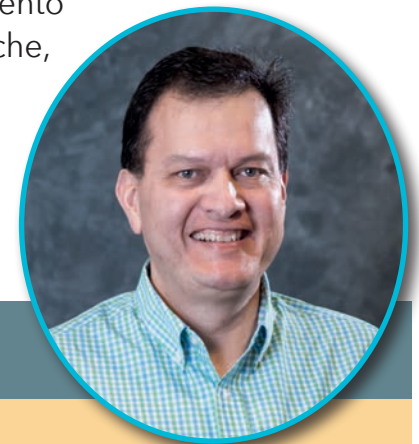
Calidad de Leche, Mastitis y Maquinaria de Ordeño

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Session Description:

The objective of this workshop is to explain why milk quality and mastitis are critical for the consumer and how everybody that works at a dairy has a responsibility in this endeavor. Learn why compliance to milking protocols and following basic cow comfort and hygiene guidelines are critical for cow health, dairy well-being and consumer satisfaction. Properly working equipment and maintenance of the milking parlor contribute to the production of quality milk. This milk quality, mastitis and equipment workshop will focus on easy-to-implement management strategies, basic hygiene practices and monitoring strategies that can significantly decrease mastitis risk, improve milk quality and maintain properly working equipment.

El objetivo de este taller es explicar porque la calidad de leche y la mastitis son criticas para el consumidor, y como todos los que trabajan en una lecheria son responsables de esta tarea. Aprenda porque seguir las rutinas de ordeño, seguir reglas basicas de comfort para la vaca y la higiene son criticas para la salud de la vaca, el bienestar de la lecheria y la satisfaccion del consumidor. Equipo de ordeño que trabaja adecuadamente y que se le da mantenimiento contribuye a la produccion de leche de calidad. El taller de calidad de leche, mastitis y maquinaria de ordeño se enfocara en practicas de manejo faciles de implementar, practicas basicas de higiene y estrategias de monitoreo que nos ayudaran a disminuir el riesgo de la mastitis y el mejoramiento de la calidad de la leche y el buen funcionamiento del equipo de ordeño.



Meet the Presenter: Jorge Luna

Senior Dairy Production Specialist | Zoetis

A Zoetis Dairy Production Specialist dairy team member, Jorge Luna supports veterinarians and dairy producers in Minnesota and South Dakota. His areas of focus include protocol development/implementation and Hispanic training in the areas of reproduction, production, fresh cow health and transition management. Previously, Luna worked in California as a territory manager for Pharmacia Animal Health. He has also worked in Idaho and Mexico as a fresh cow reproduction manager for Pfizer Animal Health. Luna received his bachelor's degree at the University of Arizona. He then went on to complete his master's degree at the University of Arizona in reproductive physiology. From 1998-2000, he worked under Jim Cullor at the Dairy Food Safety Lab.

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The 7 Pillars for Raising a Healthy Calf

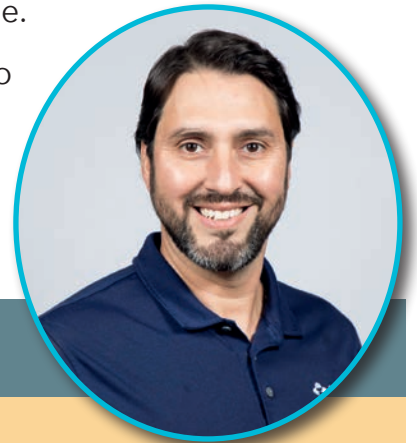
Los 7 Pilares para Criar Becerras Saludables

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Session Description:

This presentation will provide attendees with practical management strategies to raise healthy dairy calves. It will cover key aspects to better prepare calves for environmental challenges - starting from fetal development through the critical transition to the post-weaning phase.

Esta presentación ofrecerá a los asistentes estrategias prácticas de manejo para criar becerras lecheras saludables. Se abordarán aspectos clave para preparar mejor a las becerras frente a los desafíos ambientales, comenzando desde el desarrollo fetal hasta la transición crítica a la fase posterior al destete.



Meet the Presenter: Tiago Tomazi

Bovine Technical Services Veterinarian | Merck Animal Health

Tiago Tomazi is a veterinarian who graduated from the University of Passo Fundo in Brazil. He completed both his master's degree and PhD at the University of São Paulo, where he also worked as a research assistant. During his PhD program, Tomazi conducted part of his research at Cornell University's Quality Milk Production Services. Following this, he served as a postdoctoral associate in the department of population medicine and diagnostic sciences at Cornell University. In 2021, Tomazi joined the Technical Services team at Merck Animal Health. His professional focus has been on the epidemiology and control of infectious diseases in dairy cattle - contributing to advancements in herd health and milk quality.

Tiago Tomazi es veterinario, egresado de la Universidad de Passo Fundo en Brasil. Completó tanto su maestría como su doctorado en la Universidad de São Paulo, donde también trabajó como asistente de investigación. Durante su programa de doctorado, Dr. Tomazi realizó parte de su investigación en el Quality Milk Production Services de la Universidad de Cornell. Posteriormente, se desempeñó como investigador postdoctoral en el Departamento de Medicina Poblacional y Ciencias Diagnósticas en la misma universidad. En 2021, Dr. Tomazi se unió al equipo de Servicios Técnicos de Merck Animal Health. Su enfoque profesional se ha centrado en la epidemiología y el control de enfermedades infecciosas en ganado lechero, contribuyendo a los avances en la salud de los hatos y la calidad de la leche.

SESIONES DE TRABAJO EN ESPAÑOL

The Importance of Your Role as a Dairy Worker in the Sustainability of the Dairy Industry

La importancia de su papel como trabajador de las lecherías en la sostenibilidad.

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Meet the Presenter: Jorge Delgado

*Training, Talent Development and Retention Program
for Dairy Workers Leader | Alltech*

Jorge Delgado leads the Alltech Training, Talent Development and Retention Program as part of the Alltech On-Farm Support program. He previously served as a dairy specialist and uses his expertise to help dairy producers with employee management practices, herd health, milk quality, calf management, protocol customization and animal welfare. Originally from Ecuador, Delgado comes from a family of dairy farmers. He received his bachelor's degree in agriculture and dairy science from EARTH University in Costa Rica. Afterward, he returned to Ecuador, where he worked in the dairy industry to represent a genetics company through consulting, sales and training. In 2002, Delgado moved to the United States, where he worked 10 years on multiple dairies as a herd manager. He has also worked with Elanco's dairy training program, focusing on empowering dairy workers.

Jorge Delgado lidera el área de Capacitación, Desarrollo de Talento y Programa de Retención (T2R) como parte del Programa de Apoyo a lecherías de Alltech. Anteriormente se desempeñó como especialista en lecherías y utiliza su experiencia para ayudar a los productores lecheros con prácticas de manejo de empleados, salud animal, calidad de leche, manejo de terneros, personalización de protocolos, bienestar animal, entre otros. Originario de Ecuador, Delgado proviene de una familia de productores lecheros. Recibió su licenciatura en agricultura y ciencias lecheras de la Universidad EARTH en Costa Rica. Posteriormente, regresó a Ecuador, en donde trabajó en la industria lechera para representar a una empresa de genética bovina a través de consultoría, ventas y capacitación técnica. En el 2002, Delgado se mudó a los Estados Unidos, en donde trabajó durante 10 años en varias lecherías como gerente. También trabajó con el Programa de Capacitación de lecherías de Elanco, enfocándose en empoderar a los trabajadores de la industria lechera.

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Session Description:

Sustainability seems to be the buzzword, especially in the agricultural industry. You may have heard this word from your employer, your supervisor or a colleague. Possibly, you saw it in an advertisement. Everywhere we look, there is some activity, product, project, etc. attached to the word "sustainability." While some would think it is overuse of a catchy word, it really makes you wonder if it's a marketing tool or if we're really contributing to sustainable agriculture. The most important question is, what does sustainability mean? During this session, the presenters will explain the basic concepts of sustainability and the role you play in this important industry movement.

La sostenibilidad parece ser la palabra de moda, especialmente en la industria agrícola. Es posible que haya escuchado esta palabra de su empleador, su supervisor, un colega o la haya visto en un anuncio. Dondequiera que miremos, hay alguna actividad, producto, proyecto, etc. asociado a la palabra "sostenibilidad." Si bien algunos pensarían que es el uso excesivo de una palabra pegajosa, realmente hace que se pregunte si es una herramienta de mercadeo o si realmente estamos contribuyendo a la agricultura sostenible. La pregunta más importante es, ¿qué significa sostenibilidad? Durante esta sesión, Sebastián Mejía Turcios y Jorge Delgado explicarán los conceptos básicos de la sostenibilidad y el papel que juegan en este importante movimiento de la industria.

Meet the Presenter: Sebastián Mejía Turcios

On Farm Support - Beef Specialist | Alltech

Sebastian Mejía es un especialista en apoyo en la granja en Alltech con un enfoque en las ganaderías. En este puesto, se relaciona activamente con otros niveles de la industria de la carne en temas relacionados con la sostenibilidad. A Mejía Turcios le apasiona compartir su conocimiento e investigación con líderes de la industria, productores, educadores y otras partes interesadas en la agricultura animal. Nacido y criado en Honduras, Mejía Turcios se involucró en la agricultura a una edad temprana, con un amor particular por la ganadería, que eventualmente se convirtió en el enfoque de sus estudios. Obtuvo una licenciatura en agronomía de la Universidad EARTH en Costa Rica y una maestría en ciencia animal de la Universidad Tecnológica de Texas. Mejía Turcios completó su doctorado en junio de 2024 en la Universidad de California, Davis, bajo la dirección del Dr. Frank Mitloehner, profesor de agricultura animal de renombre internacional que también es experto en calidad del aire y director del Centro CLEAR de UC Davis.



SESIONES DE TRABAJO EN ESPANOL

Enhancing Biosecurity on Dairy Farms: Practical Tips for Dairy Workers

Bioseguridad en las Granjas Lecheras: Consejos Prácticos para los trabajadores



Session Description:

Implementing biosecurity practices in dairies is essential to safeguarding the health of both animals and workers. Disease outbreaks can have devastating consequences - not only for farm productivity but also for the well-being of employees and surrounding communities. This training workshop will provide Hispanic dairy workers with the knowledge and tools necessary to strengthen biosecurity measures, reduce disease risks and create a safer working environment.

Descripción de la Sesión

La implementación de prácticas de bioseguridad en las granjas lecheras es esencial para proteger la salud tanto de los animales como de los trabajadores. Los brotes de enfermedades pueden tener consecuencias devastadoras, no solo para la productividad de la granja, sino también para el bienestar de los empleados y las comunidades cercanas. Este taller de capacitación proporcionará a los trabajadores hispanos el conocimiento y las herramientas necesarias para fortalecer las medidas de bioseguridad, reducir los riesgos de enfermedades y crear un entorno de trabajo más seguro.



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Meet the Presenter: Maristela Rovai

*Training, Talent Development and Retention Program Associate
Professor/Extension Dairy Specialist | South Dakota State University*

Maristela Rovai is an associate professor and extension dairy specialist in the department of dairy and food science at South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D. Rovai's work areas include milkability in dairy ruminants with a strong focus on milking technology, milk quality improvement, mastitis, calf growth and dairy workers' well-being.



Meet the Presenter: Noelia Silva del Rio

Dairy Herd Health Specialist | University of California-Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

Noelia Silva del Rio has served as the dairy herd health specialist at the University of California-Davis School of Veterinary Medicine since 2012. Previously, she was the dairy advisor in Tulare County (California) for three years. She is located at the Veterinary Teaching and Research Center, a satellite unit of the veterinary school in Tulare County. She obtained her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Spain and her PhD in dairy nutrition and reproductive physiology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her research interests encompass transition cow and calf health, dairy herd sustainability and animal welfare. Additionally, she is deeply interested in improving dairy worker performance and developing tools to motivate positive changes in dairy operations.



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Shedding Light on Stray Voltage: Understanding and Solving a Hidden Dairy Challenge

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Session Description:

Stray voltage remains a critical yet often misunderstood issue in the dairy industry. It impacts cow health, milk production and farm profitability. This presentation explores the causes and effects of stray voltage, innovative detection methods and practical approaches for remediation. Gain insights into new developments that are reshaping the way stray voltage is understood and managed to improve animal welfare and farm performance.



Meet the Presenter: James Neawedde Jr.

Director of Operations - Owner / Zero Tolerance

James Neawedde is the director of operations at Zero Tolerance/Current Defense, driving innovation in the dairy industry through stray voltage mitigation and IoT-based solutions that enhance farm productivity and animal welfare. With more than 20 years of experience in global business development and manufacturing technologies, he has held key leadership roles at ABB, Panduit and Rockwell Automation. A published author and dynamic speaker, Neawedde specializes in topics like smart manufacturing, process optimization and advanced agricultural technologies. He holds a master's degree in physics from The University of Akron and certifications, including PMP and Six Sigma.

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Meet the Presenter: Anna Hansen

Technical Services Support Specialist / MGK

Anna Hansen is a technical service support specialist at MGK. She received her bachelor's degree at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., where she majored in biology and German. She graduated with her master's degree in entomology from the University of Minnesota. After graduating, she worked in the pest control industry as both a technician and quality assurance/training coordinator.



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Meet the Presenter: Bill Stone

Technical Services and Research / Diamond V

Bill Stone grew up on a beef and hog farm in southeastern Wisconsin. He received a veterinary degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After practicing for three years as a dairy veterinarian, he entered graduate school in dairy cattle nutrition and management at Cornell University and obtained a PhD. Stone operated his own dairy nutrition and management consulting business for several years in Central New York State before joining the PRO-DAIRY program. This state-wide extension position allowed him to actively work in a continuing education role with producers, nutrition consultants and veterinarians in the areas of dairy herd management and nutrition. His main areas of focus and research have included forage management, rumen acidosis and approaches to reducing variation in dairy feeding programs. Stone joined Diamond V in 2007, with responsibilities in dairy technical services, particularly relating to dairy cattle nutrition and management, and with the Diamond V research program.

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Forage 360: Producing Forage Year Round

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Session Description:

Livestock producers are continually looking for ways to maximize the opportunity to grow feed and apply manure on crop acres. Adopting a "forage system" to economically and strategically "grow more with less" is a mindset all should engage. Crop rotation in a forage system is a unique opportunity to utilize multiple crops on the same acres in rotation to produce forages the entire growing season. An example is corn silage, winter wheat-forage, forage sorghum followed by spring-seeded alfalfa. This can maximize the sun's energy with virtually no downtime in fallow acres.



Meet the Presenter: Jeff Jackson

Alfalfa and Forage Specialist and National Product Manager for Forage Sorghum / WinField United

Jeff Jackson grew up on a moderate-sized livestock/row-crop operation in Northwest Iowa with corn, soybeans, oats, alfalfa, cattle, hogs, sheep and horses. South Dakota State University was the next destination where he earned a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in plant science before going back to the country. Starting his ag career as an applicator/feed guy/agronomist/jack of all trades at the local co-op opened many doors and enhanced his academic career. An opportunity in 2005 led Jackson to CROPLAN as a seed district sales manager. Working in a heavy dairy area of I-29 in eastern South Dakota led to his current position in 2010 with WinField United as an alfalfa and forage specialist and national product manager for forage sorghum. He continues to focus on alfalfa, corn silage, triticale, grain sorghum/milo and forage sorghum technical support and training opportunities for industry professionals and growers alike. Product management of a CROPLAN triticale business has been the latest project for him. Jackson's time primarily focuses on work with customers in Western Minnesota, Eastern South Dakota and North Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas, but he also makes rounds in Missouri and Iowa, and occasional visits to larger herds in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

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NutraDrip started as an irrigation company, but the owners soon noticed the value of running nutrients through drip lines to feed crops at the root level. NutraDrip Irrigation Systems began with synthetic fertilizers but realized that livestock operations, like dairies, have huge potential on their farms to apply in-season nutrients after the product is separated. NutraDrip executives have worked for three years on this and now offer an exceptional low-cost solution.



Meet the Presenter: Kurt Grimm

CEO and Research / NutraDrip Irrigation Systems

Kurt Grimm is the CEO at NutraDrip Irrigation and the head of research for manure, irrigation and agronomy, with a focus on dairies and high-yielding producers. He grew up around his family's hydroponic farm and was intrigued with the amount of control a hydroponic system offered a vegetable grower. While the family business shifted from tomatoes to a full nursery and landscape operation, that intrigue never left him. Flash forward to 2012. A drought hit Northeast Kansas and Grimm and his brothers were farming an odd-shaped field that needed water. The typical pivot irrigation system wouldn't work and they began looking into other options. The brothers' experience in the landscape and nursery business familiarized them with drip irrigation. So, they gave it a shot, installing drip irrigation in the field themselves. It was then that the light bulb went off. Drip irrigation reminded Grimm of the hydroponic system he had grown tomatoes in as a kid. Both systems offered total control to the grower - not just in the amount of water a person could apply but also what could be added to that water for plant health. This level of control, of integrating a plant's water and nutrient needs together in a subsurface drip irrigation system, had been around for several years in the vegetable and greenhouse industries. Finding a subsurface drip irrigation system (SDI) that would work for corn or soybean fields was difficult. Just as they had to install that first field themselves, the brothers decided to create a company that would install SDI systems for other growers: NutraDrip Irrigation Systems.

SRP Technology and an Experimental Salmonella Dublin Vaccine

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Session Description:

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Meet the Presenter: Jason Anderson

Technical Services Veterinarian-Bovine / Vaxxino

Jason Anderson completed his training at the University of Minnesota - obtaining a bachelor's degree in veterinary science and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. In private practice, he worked as a food animal veterinarian for 13 years - focusing on dairy and beef cow/calf production medicine. Anderson joined Vaxxino as a technical services veterinarian in May of 2022 and covers the Upper Midwest and the northern states of the Southeast.

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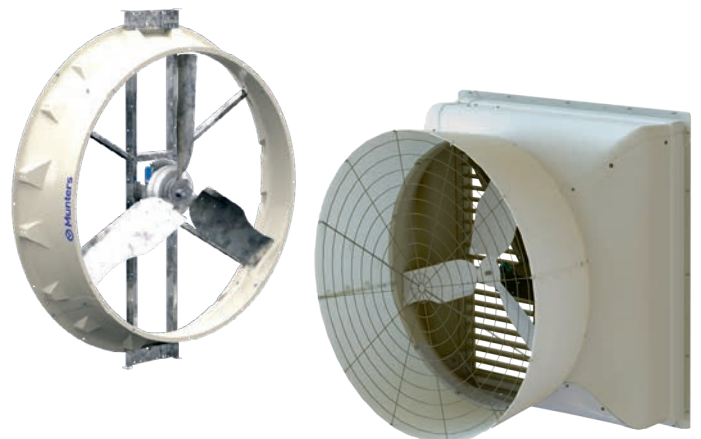
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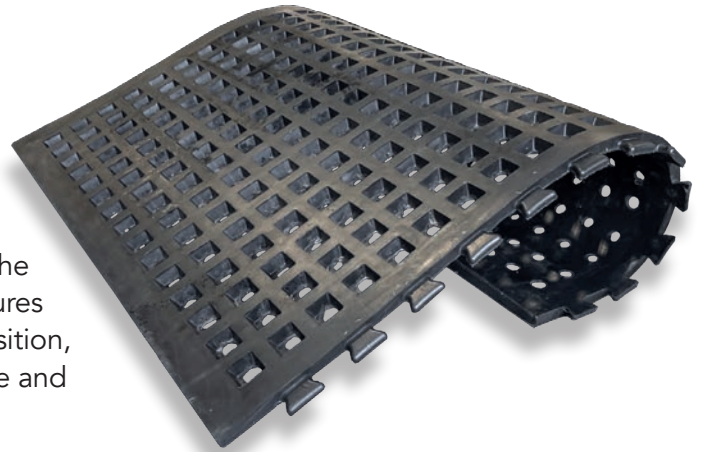


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AGENDA

9 a.m.	Registration– Taylor Leach Hildebrandt Assistant Editor with Dairy Herd Management will MC
9:30 a.m.	Zarchy Smith, SDSU — Update on Implants
10:15a.m.	Jennifer Spencer, Texas A&M — Vaccination management
11:00 a.m.	Gail Carpenter, ISU— Calf management research “preparing ‘em for the feedlot”
11:45 am	Q&A Session — Taylor Leach Hildebrandt, moderating
12 noon	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Garland Dalke, ISU — What the Dairy Crossbreed Research Is Telling Us About The Feedlot
1:30 p.m.	Melanie Pimentel-Concepcion, MSU — Economics of BXD In The Feedlot
2:15 pm	Sara Erickson, TELUS Agricultural— Hoof related Lameness in Feedlot Cattle
3:00 p.m.	Q&A Session — Taylor Leach Hildebrandt, moderating
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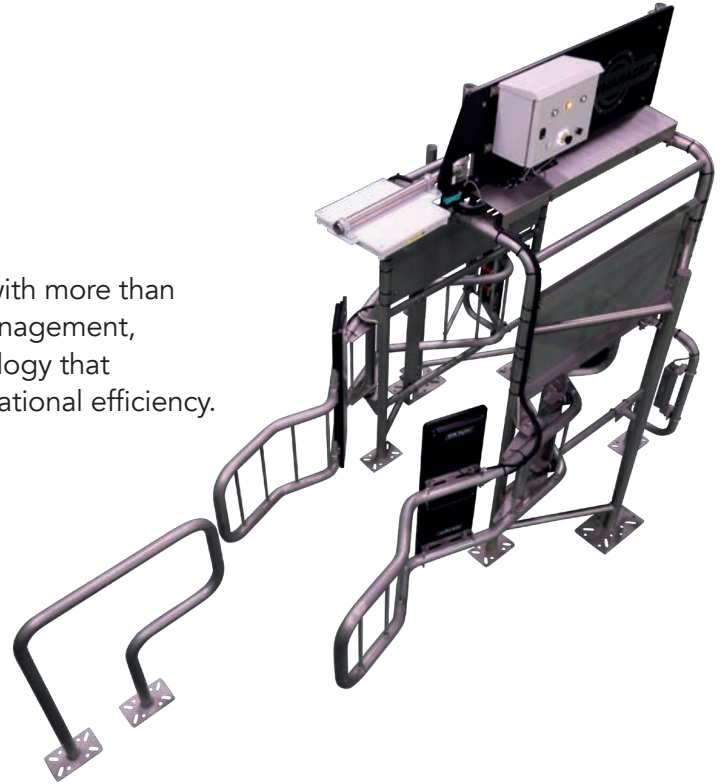
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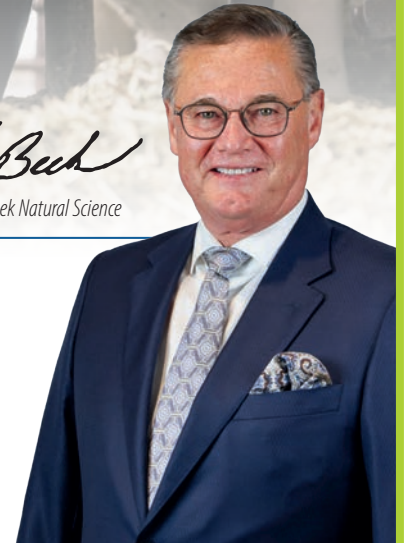
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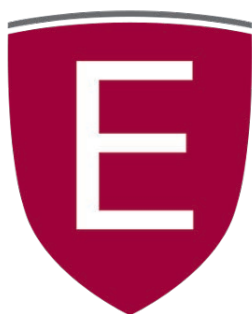
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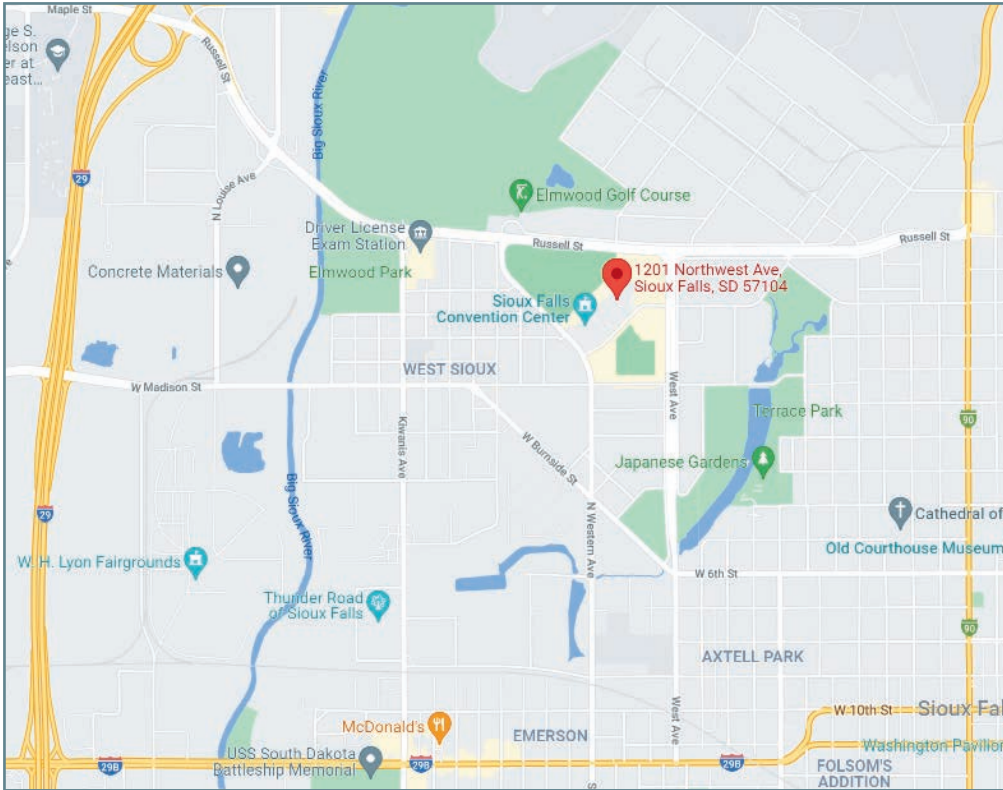
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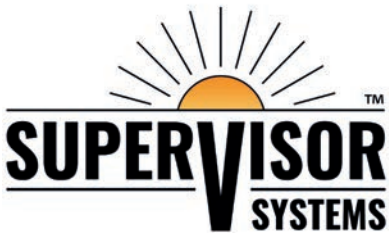


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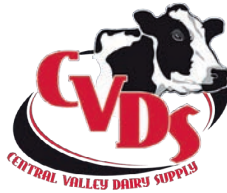
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