



2023 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium:
Promoting dairy cattle welfare and ethics through science and implementation of best practices
May 17th & 18th Hilton Fort Worth; Fort Worth, Texas



TUESDAY, MAY 16th – Preconference

Spanish Session: Leadership and Animal Welfare Culture (Hilton Fort Worth)

9:00 – Welcome & introductions (*Dr. Juan M. Piñeiro, Texas A&M University*)

9:15 – Building a welfare culture on the dairy (*Eddie Macias, Caprock Dairy; Rodrigo Coronel, Aurora Organic Farms; and Ermith Ocampo, Milk Source*)

- Leadership and teamwork
- Positive people-animal interactions
- Building a successful maternity team

11:00 – Break & networking

11:15 – Handling non-Ambulatory Animals (*Dr. Juan M. Piñeiro, Texas A&M University and Ermith Ocampo, Milk Source*)

- Decision making with case scenarios
- Best practices
- Animal euthanasia

12:15: Lunch (box lunch will be provided)

1:15: Case studies (short videos): Group discussion on what is a common practice, acceptable, and/or unacceptable (*Dr. Juan M. Piñeiro, Texas A&M University and Ermith Ocampo, Milk Source*)

2:30: Summary conclusions

3:00: Adjourn & networking

Registration for Spanish Session:

- Individuals \$100
- Farm (max 4 people): \$300 session

For more details, please contact **Dr. Juan M. Pineiro** at juan.pineiro@ag.tamu.edu



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Farm Tour: Your VMS, Your Way with DeLaval VMS Batch Milking (Pepper Dairy, Texas).

Travel by bus to Peper Dairy in Dublin, Texas to see their most recent dairy featuring DeLaval VMS Batch Milking. Registered participants will be divided into two groups (Bus #1 and Bus #2) to properly see the milking center of 22 milking robots, a DeLaval VMS V300 robot perform, view the dry lot housing, and presentation on DeLaval robotics. Buses will depart from/return to Hilton Fort Worth. Tour details:

9:00-2:30 PM: Bus #1 will depart at 9:00 AM

- Presentation on the bus about Pepper Dairy and their decision to go with DeLaval VMS Batch Milking.
- At the farm, participants will divide into four sub-groups that will take in the overview of the milking center, time in the meeting room on more information on the dairy, be in with the DeLaval VMS V300 to see it in operation and a walk through the dry lot area.
- **Lunch will be provided by DeLaval.**

1:00-6:30 PM: Bus #2 will depart at 1:00 PM

- Presentation on the bus about Pepper Dairy and their decision to go with DeLaval VMS Batch Milking.
- At the farm, participants will divide into four sub-groups that will take in the overview of the milking center, time in the meeting room on more information on the dairy, be in with the DeLaval VMS V300 to see it in operation and a walk through the dry lot area.
- **Dinner will be provided by DeLaval.**

Registration for Farm Tour:

- Farm tour is free of charge for main symposium registrants, but you must register (first come, first served basis; **max participants 100**). Transportation details will be announced shortly.

For more details, please contact **Dr. Gustavo Schuenemann** at schuenemann.5@osu.edu



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Symposium Capacity: 300 attendees

- Regular: \$380 (**New to DCWC? This option includes 1-year membership for first time new members to DCWC*)
- Non-Member: \$450
- Late registration: \$520 (after April 1, 2023)
- Students: \$120 (30 seats available)

Pre-Conference Registration:

- Spanish session:
 - Individuals \$100
 - Farm (max 4 people): \$300 session
- Farm tour: Free for symposium registrants, but you must register (first come, first served basis; **max participants 100**).
Transportation and tour details will be announced shortly.

Continuing Education Credit:

- Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners **13 hours (TBD)**
- Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO) **12 hours (TBD)**
- American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS) **10 CEUs (TBD)**
- FARM Program

For more details and to register online, please visit our website at:

<https://www.dccouncil.org/symposium>



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