



2018 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium: Intersection of Best Practices and Sustainability

Location: Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas; Scottsdale, Arizona

Date: May 31st to June 1st



THURSDAY, MAY 31st – DAY 1

7:00 a.m. – Registration & Breakfast

7:50 – Welcome & Opening Remarks: *Dr. Liz Cox, DCWC outgoing president*

8:00 – Animal emotions, feelings and social interaction needs (*Dr. Carl Safina, Stony Brook Univ*)

8:50 – Student Presentation (*Heather Neave, Univ of British Columbia*)

9:00 – Panel: The art of communication: Gaining acceptance for dairy welfare among producers (*Dr. Janet Helms, American Humane Farm Program & Ms. Mandi McLeod, Systems Insights LTD*)

9:45 – Platinum sponsor talk (*Dr. Juan Rodríguez, Zoetis*)

9:55 – Break

10:15 – Can information from automated dairy systems be used to improve dairy cattle health and welfare: Precision dairy (*Dr. David Kelton, Univ of Guelph*)

11:00 – CowSignals to poor and good animal welfare: “Walking on the hooves of the cow” (*Mr. Jack Rodenburg, DairyLogix*)

11:45 – Student Presentation (*Amanda Lee, Univ of Tennessee*)

11:55 – **iClicker** and Roundtable (*attendees, speakers*)

12:25 p.m. – Lunch

Spanish-Speaking Session

(May 31st from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

1:30 p.m. – Worker safety stockmanship training: What is or is not working (*Dr. Robert Hagevoort, New Mexico State Univ*)

2:15 – Developing and implementing a welfare program in large dairies: The good, the bad, and the ugly (*Dr. Juan Velez, Aurora Organic Dairy*)

3:00 – A “system-in-place” for dairy cattle welfare: How do you know the system is working? (*Dr. Gustavo Schuenemann, Ohio State Univ*)

3:45 – Break (same as large group)

4:00 – Economics of dairy cattle welfare (*Dr. Pablo Pinedo, Colorado State Univ*)

4:45 – Discussion and Conclusions

5:00 – **Adjourn for Business Meeting**

5:45 – **Invited to Social with large group**

(large group Symposium cont’d)

1:30 – Producer Panel: Housing and management of dairy cows and calves for improved welfare-Practical considerations (*Dr. Conrad Spangler, Riverview LLP & Mr. Sean Mallett, Harmony Organic Dairy*)

2:15 – Designing robotic milking facilities for good dairy cattle welfare (*Mr. Jack Rodenburg, DairyLogix*)

3:00 – Pain mitigation and inflammation prevention and relief in dairy cattle management (*Dr. Charlotte Winder, Univ of Guelph*)

3:45 – Break

4:05 – Student Presentation (*Sarah Adcock, UC Davis*)

4:15 – Heat stress mitigation and impacts on dairy cattle behavior and performance (*Dr. Geoffrey Dahl, Univ of Florida*)

5:00 – Dairy Cattle Welfare Council: Organizational Update & Official Business Meeting (*DCWC Executive Board*)

5:45 – Social

FRIDAY, JUNE 1st – DAY 2

7:00 a.m. – Breakfast

7:50 – Student Presentation (*Stephanie Croyle, Univ of Guelph*)

8:00 – Live Consumer Panel: They said what! Hear directly from consumers and what they think about today’s dairy (*DCWC Food Industry Advisory Committee*)

8:45 – The Human Welfare part of the equation: How much does the welfare of the people affect the welfare of the animals? (*Dr. Robert Hagevoort, New Mexico State Univ*)

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9:30 – Student Presentation (*Matthew Borchers, Univ of Kentucky*)

9:40 – Platinum sponsor talk (*Dr. Angela Baysinger, Merck*)

9:50 – **Break**

10:15 – Current update on welfare programs for food animals in the US and beyond (*Dr. Cassandra Tucker, UC Davis*)

11:00 – Producer Panel: Consistent management practices in dealing with people and animal welfare on farm (*Dr. Conrad Spangler, Riverview LLP & Mr. K. R. Averhoff, Blue Sky Farms*)

11:45 – Student Presentation (*Katherine Creutzinger, Ohio State Univ*)

11:55 – **iClicker** and Roundtable (*attendees, speakers*)

12:25 p.m. – **Lunch**

1:30 – Discussion Session: Cost and benefit of welfare for dairy producers and society (*Dr. Cassandra Tucker, UC Davis*)

2:00 – Future of dairy cattle welfare: Challenges to the dairy industry (*Dr. Nina Von Keyserlingk, Univ of British Columbia*)

2:45 – **iClicker** and Roundtable (*attendees, speakers*)

3:15 – Closing Remarks: *Dr. Marcia Endres, DCWC incoming president*

3:30 – **Adjourn**

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Early Bird until April 30th: \$200
- Regular after April 30th: \$250
- Students: \$75 (30 seats available)

Spanish-Speaking Session only
(50 seats available):

- Individual: \$75
- Farm: \$200

Symposium Capacity: 250 attendees

New this year is the inclusion of a Spanish-speaking session targeted towards farm managers, herdsman, and key employees. This session will be held during the afternoon of the first day, May 31st. The goal for this Spanish-speaking session is to teach the basics of animal welfare, why it is important on the dairy and how to train other employees. Completion of this session will count towards required annual training outlined in the FARM Program.

Participants can register to attend only this session for \$75 per person or \$200 for four people from the same farm. No additional cost for full symposium registrants.

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

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