



**2022 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium:**  
*Promoting dairy cattle welfare and ethics through science and implementation of best practices*  
May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Marriott Syracuse Downtown; Syracuse, New York (Finger Lakes Ballroom)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18<sup>th</sup> – DAY 1**

**7:00 a.m. – Registration & Breakfast**

8:00 – Welcome & Opening Remarks: *Dr. Meggan Hain, DCWC outgoing president*

8:10 – Keynote: Animal Social Behavior (*Dr. Caitlin O’Connell, Harvard Univ*)

9:05 – Dairy Cattle Behavior (*Dr. Jennifer Van Os, Univ of Wisconsin*)

9:45 – Research Presentation – Calf social housing & bonds (*Emily Lindner, Univ of Florida*)

**10:00 – Break (sponsors & networking)**

**ADAPTING TO NEW REGULATIONS**

10:30 – What Have We Learned from Other Industries? What can Dairy Expect to See (*Dr. Meghann Pierdon, Univ of Pennsylvania*)

11:00 – Producer Perspective: Switching to Cage Free Eggs (*Mike Weber, Weber Family Farms*)

11:20 – Producer Perspective: Switching to no Gestation Crates for Sows (*Dr. Saskia Bloemhof-Abma, PIC*)

11:40 – **Poll Everywhere** Roundtable Discussion (*moderator, speakers, attendees*)

**12:15 p.m. – Lunch**

**ON-FARM LABOR AND ANIMAL WELFARE**

1:25 – Engaging Dairy Caretakers Through Effective Communication (*Dr. Noa Roman-Muniz, Colorado State Univ*)

2:10 – Producer Panel: Managing Labor and Implementing On-Farm Welfare Programs (*Samantha Schon, Cornell Univ; Julie Patterson, Patterson Farms Inc.; A. J. Wormuth, Half Full Dairy*)

**3:10 – Break (sponsors & networking)**

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**

3:40 – Research Presentation – Calf care SOPs (*Sophia Neukirchner, Freie Universität Berlin*)

3:55 – Roundtable Discussion (*attendees*)

**5:00 – Social Hour Reception** held in Persian Terrace (**hors d'oeuvres & cash bar**)

**THURSDAY, MAY 19<sup>th</sup> – DAY 2**

**7:00 a.m. – Breakfast**

8:00 – Dairy Cattle Welfare Council: organizational update (*Dr. Meggan Hain, DCWC President*)

8:15 – Research Presentation – Aspirin & milk production (*Bailey Fritz, Kansas State Univ*)

**CONSUMER AND PURCHASING TRENDS**

8:30 – Consumer Trends and Perception of dairy Welfare (*Amy te Plate-Church, Center for Food Integrity*)

9:30 – Research Presentation – Calf disbudding & pain (*Alycia Drwencke, UC Davis*)

9:45 – Platinum sponsor talk (*Dr. Linda Tikofsky, Boehringer Ingelheim*)

**9:55 – Break (sponsors & networking)**

10:25 – Buyer’s Panel: *Liz Fry, Whole Foods; Mark Klauber, Costco; Dr. Jennifer Walker, Danone*

11:25 – **Poll Everywhere** Roundtable Discussion (*moderator, speakers, attendees*)

**11:55 p.m. – Lunch**

**GRAZING**

1:00 – Welfare Implications of Grazing or Grassfed and Animal Perspective/Behavior (*Dr. Gareth Arnott, Queens Univ of Belfast*)

1:40 – Producer Perspective (*Dan Rice, Free Range Dairy LLC*)

2:00 – Producer Perspective (*Anne Phillips, Triple 3 Livestock*)

2:20 – Research Presentation – Fan speed & heat stress (*Kim Reuscher, Univ of Wisconsin*)



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2:35 – ***Poll Everywhere*** Roundtable  
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3:15 – Closing Remarks: *Dr. Juan Velez,*  
*DCWC incoming president*

3:30 – **Adjourn**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

- Regular: \$350
- Students: \$100 (30 seats available)

*Symposium Capacity: 300 attendees*

*Continuing Education Credit:*

- New York State Board for Veterinary Medicine **12 hours**
- Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO) **12 hours**
- American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS) **10 CEUs**
- FARM Program

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