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Mark Your Calendars and Register for the 2023 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium

DALLAS FORT WORTH, Texas - Registration is now open for the 2023 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium: *Promoting dairy cattle welfare and ethics through science and implementation of best practices*. The program will be held on May 17-18, 2023 at the Hilton Fort Worth located in Fort Worth, Texas. The Dairy Cattle Welfare Council (DCWC), a growing organization formally established in 2016, is hosting the event.

This symposium brings together dairy farmers, veterinarians, consultants, universities, students, retailers, and others in the dairy community. A comment from a past symposium, *"I think it is very rare that we manage to get minds with similar interests from different parts of the food chain together in one room. Made for very thoughtful discussion from different perspectives."* Another participant said, *"Networking, networking, networking. The discussions happening around tables and in the hallways are always one of the most enlightening and useful pieces of the event - which is saying a lot because the level of material presented is typically outstanding!"*

The first keynote speaker will be Dr. Karen Christensen, Tyson Foods, discussing "Utilizing animal observations to enhance animal welfare". Other speakers will include Drs. Laura Solano, Nick Bell, Nigel Cook, Eric Van der Velde, Trevor DeVries, Melissa Cantor, Dan Weigel, Ms. Mary Dransfield, and Mr. Lambert VanderMade. The program will also include producer panel discussions as well as short oral presentations on dairy welfare-related research by students from universities across the country. Also, two pre-conference sessions will be available on May 16th offering practical solutions: 1) Spanish session for dairy farm personnel "Leadership and animal welfare culture" and 2) farm tour to visit a new DeLaval robotic batch milking (Pepper Dairy, Texas).

Cost of registration for the full program is \$380 until April 1, 2023. Student registration is \$120 and is limited to 30 students. The two-day program will offer 12 hours of continuing education credits for veterinarians as well as credit from ARPAS, PAACO, and The FARM Program.

The full conference schedule, other details and online registration are available on the symposium's website at <https://dcwcouncil.org/symposium>

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