



2025 Call for Abstracts

2025 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium: Prevention Pays – Boosting Welfare and Reaping the Rewards

The DCWC is pleased to announce the Call for Abstracts for the 2025 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium!

Graduate students are encouraged to submit abstracts for the annual Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium held in Columbus, OH on May 21 and 22, 2025. This is an open call for current research related to dairy cattle welfare. Preference will be given to those who submit abstracts pertaining to focus topic areas at this year's conference, which include preventative medicine with specific focus on reducing mastitis, lameness, and respiratory disease in youngstock, as well as consumer and purchasing trends, farm labor and animal welfare, and using precision technology to promote welfare. We are also looking for abstracts pertaining to calf transportation as a follow up to topics discussed at the 2024 DCWC Symposium. The program agenda can be found at <https://www.dwcouncil.org/Symposium/2025-Symposium>.

Abstracts will be evaluated based on scientific merit and relevance to this year's Symposium topics. Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words and include a clearly worded statement of the subject scope and research objectives, description of methods to address objectives, and a summary of results. Research may be published or unpublished and may have been presented at other meetings, but it should be recent work from the presenting student.

Please submit your abstract by February 17, 2025 to courtney.halbach@wisc.edu. Four students will be selected to give a 10-minute presentation with 5 minutes for questions and will receive free registration to the Symposium, plus travel arrangements. Student presenters will also be asked to present a poster during the poster session on Wednesday, May 21. Students not selected to give a 10-minute presentation, but submit an abstract that aligns well with this year's symposium topics, will be asked to include a poster for the evening poster session and reception.