



2025 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium

Prevention Pays: Boosting Welfare and Reaping the Rewards

May 21-23, 2025
Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel
Columbus, OH

Registration Information

- Early member rate: \$380*

New to DCWC? This option includes a complimentary 1-year membership for first-time symposium attendees to DCWC.

- Non-Member early rate: \$450*
- Students: \$120 (limited seating available)

Symposium Capacity: 300 attendees

**This discounted rate is only available through April 15! On April 16, prices will increase to \$520 for members and non-members.*

Secure your spot today.

Spanish Post-Conference Session (May 23rd)

- Individuals: \$100
- Farm (maximum four registrants): \$300

The Symposium has been approved for:

- 12 hours Continuing Education Credits: Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO)
- 13 Continuing Education Units: American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS)
- FARM Program Continuing Education Credits

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Wednesday, May 21

7:00	Registration opens and breakfast
8:00	Welcome Presented by Courtney Halbach, University of Wisconsin
8:10	Keynote: Progress in dairy cattle health management Presented by Dr. Pamela Ruegg, Michigan State University
9:00	Mastitis prevention and impact on animal welfare Presented by Dr. Pamela Ruegg, Michigan State University
9:45	Break and networking
10:15	Preventing lameness, more than just hoof trimming, footbathing, and maximizing lying time Presented by Gerard Cramer, University of Minnesota
10:45	Dairy Cow Welfare and HPAI H5N1 Presented by Dr. Pamela Ruegg, Dr. Will Leone, Teun Verhoeven, and Ermith Ocampos
11:30	Poll Everywhere
12:00	Lunch
13:00	Student presentation
13:15	BRD prevention with focus on lung ultrasound Presented by Dr. Terri Ollivett, University of Wisconsin
14:00	Panel on calf disease prevention and implementing lung ultrasound on farm Presented by Dr. Terri Ollivett, Dr. Gabe Middleton, and Jody Wacker
15:00	Break
15:30	Strategies to decrease non-completion rate of replacement heifers Presented by Dr. Mike Overton, Zoetis
16:15	Student presentation
16:30	Poster session & reception
18:00	Adjourn

Thursday, May 22

7:00	Breakfast
8:00	Public perceptions of dairy cattle welfare Presented by Dr. Jesse Robins, University of Wisconsin
8:45	Student presentation on public trust
9:00	Building consumer trust through transparency Presented by Liz Fry, Vital Farms
9:45	Break and Networking
10:15	Changing the game on how people learn and practice cow handling Presented by Dr. Jennifer Van Os, University of Wisconsin
10:45	Panel on training modules for dairy farm personnel Presented by Dr. Jennifer Van Os; Dr. Doug Prante, DairyKind; Jennifer Hanf, Train Trac by Milc Group
11:30	Poll Everywhere
12:00	Lunch
13:00	Student presentation
13:15	Using AI to promote dairy cattle welfare Presented by Dr. Joao Dorea, University of Wisconsin
14:00	Smartphone-based AI to detect lameness Dr. Santosh Pandey, Iowa State University
14:45	Student presentation
15:00	Closing remarks from the DCWC President Presented by Dr. Karen Luchterhand, Adisseo
15:30	Adjourn

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