

2023 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium

Promoting dairy cattle welfare and ethics through science and implementation of best practices

May 17 and 18, Hilton Fort Worth, Fort Worth, Texas

Registration Information

- Regular: \$380
New to DCWC? This option includes 1-year membership for first-time members to DCWC.
- Non-Member: \$450
- Late registration: \$520 (after April 25, 2023)
- Students: \$120 (30 seats available)

Symposium Capacity: 300 attendees

Preconference Registration

- Spanish session:
 - Individuals: \$100
 - Farm (maximum 4 people): \$300 session
- Farm tour:
 - *Free for symposium registrants, but you must register (first-come, first-served basis). Tour capacity: 100 participants. More details under pre-conference.*

Continuing Education Credit:

- Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners: 13 hours
- Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO): 12 hours
- American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS): 10 CEUs
- FARM Program

All expected continuing education credit values pending approval.

For more details and to register, please visit our website at:
<https://www.dwcouncil.org/symposium>



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2023 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium Schedule

Tuesday, May 16 Preconference

Spanish Session: Leadership and Animal Welfare Culture
Farm Tour: Your VMS, Your Way with DeLaval VMS Batch Milking (Pepper Dairy, Texas)

*More details available under Pre-Conference Agenda

Wednesday, May 17 Day 1

- 7:00 am Registration and Breakfast**
- 8:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Dr. Juan Velez, DCWC outgoing president
- 8:10 Keynote: Utilizing Animal Observations to Enhance Animal Welfare
Dr. Karen Christensen, Tyson Foods
- 9:00 Welfare Assessments and Use of Technology to Monitor Welfare
Dr. Nick Bell, Herd Health Consultancy, UK
- 9:30 Lameness and Environmental Management in Automated Milking Systems
Dr. Nigel Cook, University of Wisconsin
- 10:00 Break (Sponsors and Networking)**
- 10:15 Cow Behavior while Waiting to be Milked in AMS
Dr. Laura Solano, Lactanet, Canada
- 10:45 Cow Behavior in Automated Milking Systems
Dr. Trevor DeVries, University of Guelph
- 11:15 Speaker Panel Discussion/Q&A
- 11:50 Platinum Sponsors Talk
Your VMS, Your Way by Jason French, DeLaval
- 12:00 pm Lunch**
- 1:00 Student Research Presentation: *Grouping strategies for lactating cows by Faith Reyes, University of Wisconsin, Madison*
- Buyer's Panel
- 1:15 Jordan Clark, Albertsons, *Marissa Hake, Fairlife Milk and Nicole West, Whole Foods*
- 2:15 Student Research Presentation: *Personality of dairy calves y Megan Woodrum Setser, University of Kentucky*
- 2:30 Break (Sponsors and Networking)**
- 3:00 Managing Calf Stress Leads to Dairy Cow Success
Dr. Eric Van Der Velde - The Netherlands
- 3:45 Student Research Presentation: *Disbudding dairy calves by Alycia Drwencke, University of California, Davis*
- 4:00 Student Research Presentation: *Calf starter intake by Elizabeth Russell, University of British Columbia*
- 4:15 **Poll Everywhere** Roundtable Discussion Moderator, speakers, attendees
- 5:00 Social Hour Reception (Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar)**

Thursday, May 18 Day 2

- 7:00 am Breakfast**
- 8:00 Dairy Cattle Welfare Council: Organizational Update
Dr. Juan Velez, DCWC outgoing president
- 8:15 Genetic Selection for Welfare in Dairy Cattle
Dr. Dan Weigel, Zoetis
- 8:45 Form, Function and Responsibility
Jan Schilder, aAa Weeks
- 9:15 Automated Feeders for Precision Management and Improved Welfare for Group-Housed Calves
Dr. Melissa Cantor, Pennsylvania State University
- 9:45 Speaker Panel Discussion/Q&A
- 10:15 Break (Sponsors and Networking)**
- 10:30 Student Research Presentation: *Dairy calves raised individually, in pairs, in groups, or with their dams by Bianca Costa, University of Minnesota*
- 10:45 Stakeholder Perceptions of Animal Welfare
Dr. Beth Ventura, University of Lincoln
- 11:20 Platinum Sponsors by *Dr. Linda Tikofsky, Boehringer Ingelheim*
- 11:30 **Poll Everywhere** Roundtable Discussion Moderator, speakers, attendees
- 12:15 pm Lunch**
- 1:15 Producer Perspective – Utilizing Genetics on the Farm for Health/Welfare by *Susie Martin, Central Start/Rosy Lane Holsteins*
- 1:30 Producer Perspective – AMS
Lambert VanderMade, Arps Dairy Inc.
- 1:45 Producer Perspective – Group Housing Calves
Jamie Kulesa, Lone Star Organic Dairy LLC
- 2:00 Producer Panel Discussion/Q&A
- 2:30 Student Research Presentation: *Transportation of dairy calves by Andrea Bajus, University of Guelph*
- 2:45 **Poll Everywhere** Roundtable Discussion on Cow-Calf Separation
Moderator, speakers, attendees
- 3:00 Closing Remarks
Dr. Jennifer Walker, DCWC incoming president
- 3:15 Adjourn**