

I-29 Moo University

A newsletter for dairy producers & industry~January 2020

Calendar of Events

NOTE: All event times are listed as CST.

2020

February.

5th: **Eye on Employees Webinar** - Brett Stanley, ICE, I-9 Forms and Documentation, [Register Here](#)

6th: **Joint Meeting of MDA District 1&2 in South Dakota & South Dakota Dairy Producers Annual Meeting**, Swiftel Brookings, SD, for a complete agenda go [here](#).

12th:**Eye on Employees Webinar** - Melissa O'Rourke - Interviewing Conversations, [Register Here](#)

19th: **Eye on Employees Webinar** - Larry Tranel - Labor and Robotic Milkers, [Register Here](#)

24: **Financial Budgeting Workshop for New and Beginning Farmers** - Columbus, NE, [Click here](#) for the agenda and to register.

25th: **Nebraska State Dairy Convention** - For more information visit [webpage](#)

26th: **Eye on Employees Webinar** - Fred Hall - Employee Handbook Importance, [Register Here](#)

March

4th: **Eye on Employees Webinar** - Melissa O'Rourke - Job Misclassification of Employees, [Register Here](#)

24th: **I-29 Moo University Dairy Beef Short Course**; Sioux Falls, SD. Access Agenda & Registration [Here](#)

24-26: **Central Plains Dairy Expo**: [Click here](#) for more information

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Dairy Beef Short Course to Focus on Animal Health and Carcass Traits

The I-29 Moo University Dairy Beef Short Course will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 as part of the pre-educational events for the Central Plains Dairy Expo. The short course will be held in the Denny Sanford Premier Center, Sioux Falls, SD, in rooms 8, 9, & 10. This year's program will focus on dairy beef carcasses at the farm, processor and consumer end, along with targeting health considerations for maximum performance.

Topics | Speakers | Agenda

9:30 a.m. - Registration

Program 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

"Finishing Dairy Cattle for Beef: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly," **Dr. Ty Lawrence, Professor of Animal Science, West Texas A&M University**

Panel Discussion – *"Being Conscious of Packer Programs That Fit Dairy and Dairy Beef Carcasses"*

* **Bill Munns – Marketing & Product Management, JBS Beef,** *"The Commercial Science Behind Purebred Holstein Beef"*

* **Kevin Hueser – Senior Vice President Beef Margin Management, Tyson Fresh Meats,** *"Dairy Cross Opportunities in the Plant"*

"Health Considerations for Dairy Beef Cattle During the Feeding Period," **Russ Daly, DVM, SDSU Extension Veterinarian**

"Feedlot Cattle Lameness and Economic Impact," **Jan Shearer, DVM, MS, Professor Veterinary Diagnostic & Production Animal Medicine, ISU**

Roundtable Discussion with all Speakers

Wrap-up & Adjourn

Registration details

A registration fee of \$25 per person will include the short course, lunch and proceedings. Registration closes **March 20 and the event is limited to 130 attendees** on a first come, first serve basis. To [register](#), or go to the [I-29 Moo University website](#). You can also register by mailing the registration fee to Tracey Erickson at 1910 West Kemp Ave., Watertown, SD 57201. Please include the contact (s) information and any dietary restrictions when mailing in your registration information.

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Register for the Dairy Beef Short Course Here

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What Are Your 2020 Goals For Your Farm?

By Emily Wilmes, University of Minnesota

ST. CLOUD, Minn. (1/8/2020) - Happy New Year! It's the start of a new year, and I think we are all looking forward to putting 2019 behind us and looking forward to 2020! The beginning of a new year is always a great time to set some goals for the coming 12 months. Setting goals is important to personal and business success. When I talk with farmers, I always ask them about their goals. It may be what their goal is for a specific project they are working on. Sometimes, we discuss "big picture"-type goals for the farm as a whole. No matter what type of farm you have or what stage you or your farm are at, goal setting is important. There are several things to think about when setting goals: [Read more...](#)

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Managing Un-Weaned Dairy Calves During Cold Weather

By Tracey Erickson, SDSU Extension Dairy Field Specialist

Updated January 9, 2020

Cold stress starts when temperatures drop below 60 degrees Fahrenheit in dairy calves who are less than 21 days of age and when below 42 degrees (Litherland, 2013) in calves greater than 42 days of age.

Winter can present extra challenges for dairy producers and heifer growers as they try to keep calves alive and growing adequately in frigid temperatures.

Some tips to care for un-weaned calves in cold weather are as follows:

- Get them off to a good start in the first 48 hours of life - following proper protocols for newborn calves, especially drying them off as quickly as possible after birth and making sure they are consuming 4 quarts of high quality colostrum within the first 6-12 hours of life, as well as giving proper vaccinations, and dipping their navels. Jersey calves will consume less than large breed dairy calves of colostrum. Check the quality of colostrum making sure it has adequate antibody. [Read more...](#)

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Feeding 2019 Corn Silage

A recent mycotoxin survey in corn harvested in 2019 shows 96 percent tested positive for at least one mycotoxin, while 61 percent of samples had more than one mycotoxin. Combine that with the potential for quality issues that may mean fewer pounds of milk per ton and producers need to get a handle on what they have in their piles.

To help producers evaluate their options, I-29 Moo University asked Dairy Specialist and Assistant Professor at Iowa State University Dr. Hugo Ramirez-Ramirez, to share what he is seeing from labs in the upper Midwest and what mitigation options producers have. Ramirez will also share several other thoughts plus pile maintenance during feed-out.

Access the archived webinar [here](#).



Eye on Employees webinars to address farm labor concerns

The Iowa State University Extension Dairy Team will be hosting a five-week farm labor webinar series from Noon to 1:00 p.m. each Wednesday beginning February 5 through March 4, 2020.

- February 5: **Staying Legal** - Brett Stanley, Special Investigator, Department of Homeland Security
- February 12: **Starting the Interview Conversation** - Melissa O'Rourke, ISU Extension and Outreach Farm Management Specialist
- February 19: **Labor versus Robots** - Larry Tranel, ISU Extension and Outreach Northeast Iowa Dairy Specialist
- February 26: **Employee Handbooks: Getting Started** - Fred Hall, ISU Extension and Outreach Northwest Iowa Dairy Specialist
- March 4: **Employee Misclassification & Other Employment Pitfalls** - Melissa O'Rourke, ISU Extension and Outreach Farm Management Specialist

There is no registration fee; however, registration is required to receive the link for the program. [Register Here](#) for the Webinars.

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After his graduate studies in dairy nutrition at the University of Wisconsin and The Ohio State University, Dr. Ferreira worked in the dairy industry as a consultant.

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PREPARING THE FINANCIAL BUDGET

February 24, 2020

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WORKSHOP GOALS

- Understand and estimate budget projections.
- Evaluate input costs related to the budget.
- Analyze the farm budget and budget projections.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- New and beginning farmers
- Dairy and beef producers

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- The workshop is limited to 30 participants
- This workshop will give you a hands-on opportunity to prepare financial budgets for your farm

REGISTRATION

- Pre-registration is required by February 19
- Registration is \$25 and includes course materials and lunch

Register using the link below:
<https://go.unl.edu/financialbudgetingworkshop>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact:
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AGENDA

8:30 am: Registration

9:00 am: Financial budget projection (Part 1): Introduction, Revenues, and Feeding Costs

10:45 am: Break

11:00 am: Financial budget projection (Part 2): Forages, Reproduction, Herd Health, Utilities, Labor, etc

12:30 pm: Lunch

1:15 pm: Financial budget projection (Part 3): Closing the budget

2:00 pm: Break

2:15 pm: Financial Analyses: Financial Needs and Sensitivity

3:00 pm: Wrap-up & conclusion

Click here to register for the financial planning wkshp

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Producer Requested Help with Manure Cropping Systems Survey

We would like to better understand your views on the benefits and barriers that impact farmers' use of manure on cropland, and what issues are most important to you as you make decisions or advise on the use of manure in cropping systems. Your completion of this survey will help guide outreach programming efforts as our team develops manure management resources for farmers, Extension educators, NRCS staff, and crop advisors.

The survey will require 15 minutes or less to complete. Your decision whether or not to participate in this survey is voluntary and your responses will remain anonymous. [Access the Survey Here](#). You may ask any questions concerning this survey and have those questions answered before agreeing to participate in or during the survey. Please contact the investigators: Rick Koelsch (rkoelsch1@unl.edu), University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Sally Flis (sflis@tfi.org), The Fertilizer Institute with your questions.



Coping with Farm & Rural Stress

Farming is one of the most stressful occupations in the United States. This is particularly true for dairy farmers as they are experiencing an extended period of low milk prices.

Below are some resources available when dealing with stress.

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 800-273-8255; texting: Text HOME to 741741

Minnesota Farm and Rural Helpline: 833-600-2670

Ted Matthews, Rural Mental Health Counselor, no cost, no paperwork; 320-266-2390

Nebraska Rural Response Hotline: 800-464-0258

South Dakota Ag Mediation Program: 605-773-5436 or 605-280-4745

South Dakota Rural Help Line: 800-664-1349

South Dakota Suicide Prevention Hotline: 605-339-8599

Iowa Concern Hotline & Resources: 800-447-1985

Illinois Agriculture Mediation Program: 618-549-1200, ext. 1001

Rural Services of Indiana, Inc.: 574-299-9460

Kansas Ag Mediation Services: 800-321-3276

Missouri Agricultural Mediation Program: 573-751-5520

New York State Ag Mediation Program: 518-687-2240 or 866-669-7267

New York Farm Net: 800-547-3276

North Dakota Mediation Service: 844-642-4752 or 701-328-4158

North Dakota 211 Help Line Mental Health Association in North Dakota: 800-472-2911

North Dakota Agricultural Mediation Services: 800-642-4757 or 701-328-2061

Wisconsin Farm Center Hotline: 800-942-2474

Disaster Resources Available with Recent Weather Events

Available resources include

[South Dakota Department of Agriculture website \(sdda.sd.gov\)](http://sdda.sd.gov)

- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
- Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP)
- Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Emergency Loans
- Farm Stress Help

[University of Nebraska Lincoln website \(flood.unl.edu\)](http://flood.unl.edu)

- Cattle producers post flood checklist
- University of Nebraska feeding assistance program
- Dealing with flooded hay and grain
- Disposal of flood soaked grains and forages
- Emergency disposal of livestock carcasses
- Flood-related diseases in poultry and livestock
- Hay donations

Many more resources available at the websites listed above.



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