



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 29! On April 30, 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

DAY 1

7:00 – Registration and breakfast (provided)

8:00 – Welcome (*Courtney Halbach, University of Wisconsin-Madison*)

8:10 – Keynote: Progress in dairy cattle health management (*Dr. Stephen LeBlanc, University of Guelph*)

9:00 – Mastitis prevention and impact on animal welfare (*Dr. Pamela Ruegg, Michigan State University*)

9:45 – Break and networking

10:15 – Preventing lameness: more than just hoof trimming, foot-bathing, and maximizing lying time (*Dr. Gerard Cramer, University of Minnesota*)

10:45 – Dairy Cow Welfare and HPAI H5N1 (*Dr. Pamela Ruegg, Dr. Will Leone, Teun Verhoeven, and Ermith Ocampos*)

11:30 – Poll Everywhere discussion

12:00 – Lunch (provided)

13:00 – Student presentation (*Elizabeth McGuire, University of Wisconsin-Madison*)

13:15 – BRD prevention with focus on lung ultrasound (*Dr. Terri Ollivett, University of Wisconsin-Madison*)

14:00 – Panel on calf disease prevention and implementing lung ultrasound on farm (*Dr. Terri Ollivett; Dr. Gabe Middleton, Orville Veterinary Clinic; Jody Wacker, Cornerstone Dairy*)

15:00 – Break

15:30 – Strategies to decrease non-completion rate of replacement heifers (*Dr. Mike Overton, Zoetis*)

16:15 – Student presentation (*Elizabeth Schafer, Purdue University*)

16:30 – Poster session & reception

18:00 – Adjourn

THURSDAY, May 22

DAY 2

7:00 – Breakfast (provided)

8:00 – Public perceptions of dairy cattle welfare (*Dr. Jesse Robbins, University of Wisconsin-Madison*)

8:45 – Student presentation (*Marine Durrenwachter, University of Vermont*)

9:00 – Building consumer trust through transparency (*Liz Fry, Vital Farms*)

9:45 – Break and networking

10:15 – Changing the game on how people learn and practice cow handling (*Dr. Jennifer Van Os, University of Wisconsin-Madison*)

10:45 – Panel on training modules for dairy farm personnel (*Dr. Jennifer Van Os; Dr. Doug Prante, DairyKind; Jennifer Hanf, Train Trac by Milc Group*)

11:30 – Poll Everywhere discussion

12:00 – Lunch (provided)

13:00 – Using AI to Promote Dairy Cattle Welfare (*Dr. Joao Dorea, University of Wisconsin-Madison*)

13:45 – Smartphone-based AI to Detect Lameness (*Dr. Santosh Pandey, University of Iowa*)

14:30 – Student presentation (*Rajesh Neupane, Texas A&M*)

14:45 – Closing remarks from the DCWC President (*Dr. Karen Luchterhand, Adisseo*)

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