



DAIRY CATTLE WELFARE COUNCIL

DCWC 2026 Symposium

Call for Abstracts

The Dairy Cattle Welfare Council (DCWC) is pleased to announce the call for abstracts! Graduate students and industry representatives are encouraged to submit abstracts for the annual Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium in **Minneapolis, Minnesota, from May 20 to 21, 2026**. 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 welfare related to **beef-on-dairy animals, thermoregulation, cow-calf contact, pair raising calves, cull cows, agricultural advocacy, animal handling, lameness, and workplace dynamics**.



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, a 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 Research may be published or unpublished and may have been presented at other meetings, but it should be recent work from the presenting student.

2026 Agenda



Please submit your abstract [via email](#) by **February 2, 2026**, using **"DCWC Abstract Submission [Last Name]"** as the subject line. In the body of the email, please indicate what university, college, or company you're affiliated with, and briefly (<250 words) address why you would like to present at the Symposium.

Four students or industry representatives will be selected for the English session (May 20-21), and two students or industry representatives will be selected for the Spanish session (May 22) to give a 10-minute presentation, plus 5 minutes for questions. **Six students will be given priority to present and will receive free registration to the Symposium, plus travel arrangements**. All others will be responsible for registering and traveling to the Symposium on their own. Those who have accepted abstracts will be asked to present a poster during the poster session and reception on Wednesday, May 20.



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