

# 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  
*TBD, DeLaval*

**12:00 pm Lunch**

1:00 Student Research Presentations  
*TBD*

1:15 Buyer's Panel  
*Jordan Clarke, Albertsons & Marissa Hake, Fairlife Milk*

2:15 Student Research Presentations  
*TBD*

**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  
*TBD*

4:00 **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 Genetics & Welfare Mating for Longevity  
*Mary or David Dransfield, 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 Presentations  
*TBD*

10:45 Stakeholder Perceptions of Animal Welfare  
*Dr. Beth Ventura, University of Lincoln*

11:20 Platinum Sponsors Talk  
*TBD, 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  
*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 Presentations  
*TBD*

2:45 **Poll Everywhere** Roundtable Discussion on Cow-Calf Separation  
*Moderator, speakers, attendees*

3:15 Closing Remarks  
*Dr. Jennifer Walker, DCWC incoming president*

**3:30 Adjourn**