



*8th Annual Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium:
Promoting dairy cattle welfare and ethics through
science and implementation of best practices*

June 5-6, 2024 Kansas City, MO

Call for Abstracts

The purpose of the Dairy Cattle Welfare Council (DCWC) is to promote dairy cattle welfare by bringing together members of the dairy community to develop the optimal herd practices for animal well-being, management, human-animal interaction, productivity, and overall animal care. The annual symposium is targeted towards dairy producers, consultants, dairy industry representatives, academia/extension, and veterinarians.

The DCWC is pleased to announce the Call for Abstracts for the 2024 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium!

Graduate students are encouraged to submit abstracts for the annual Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium held in **Kansas City, MO on June 5-6, 2024**. This is an open call for current research related to dairy welfare; however, preference will be given to those who submit abstracts pertaining to focus topic areas at this year's conference, which include aspects of cattle behavior and welfare in automated milking systems, automated calf feeding systems, use of genetic technology to enhance animal welfare, cow calf separation, or abstracts which complement these subjects well. The full 2024 Symposium program can be found here: <https://www.dwcouncil.org/symposium>.

Abstracts will be evaluated on the basis of scientific merit and relevance to this year's focal symposium topics. Abstracts should include a clearly worded statement of the subject scope and research objectives, 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 Research may be published or unpublished and may have been presented at other meetings, but it should be recent work from the presenting student. Preference will be given to PhD student submissions.

This is a competitive process and **only six (6)** students will be selected to travel to the Symposium and present their abstracts; all expenses will be paid. These students will deliver an **oral presentation** in a scientific format (12 minutes to present and 3 minutes for open questions from the audience) at the symposium, and will also present research in poster format for display at the symposium. It is also expected that presenting students attend and participate in the full symposium.

Abstract Submission Instructions:

Abstracts should be no more than **300 words** and are due **March 15th, 2024**. Selected students will be notified by March 30th, 2024 via email if they have been selected. To submit an abstract, please email jhcardosocosta@gmail.com and attach your abstract as a PDF. In the text of the email please answer the following question: ***“Why would you like to come and present at this meeting?”***. Please put “DCWS Student Abstract Submission (Last Name)” in the subject line of the submission email. Additionally indicate what university or college you are affiliated with in the text of the email or your signature line.

Visit the 2024 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium website for addition information and updates: <https://www.dewcouncil.org/symposium>