



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 2021 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium will be virtual this year but we do not want to miss out on the opportunity of showcasing our wonderful student researchers who are engaged in dairy cattle welfare research. In lieu of presentations at the symposium, the DCWC is pleased to announce the Call for Abstracts for the 2021 Dairy Cattle Welfare Research Student Showcase. Similar to last year we will host a special webinar in which 3 selected students will present their work. The webinar will be hosted the week prior to the symposium on May 19, 2021 at 5:00 PM EDT as a way to kick-off the upcoming event.

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: cow-calf contact and alternative housing, end of life decisions, welfare evaluation, public communication, or abstracts which complement these subjects well. The full 2021 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 Research may be published or unpublished and may have been presented at other meeting, but it should be recent work from the presenting student.

This is a competitive process and **only three (3)** students will be selected to present their abstracts on the webinar. These students will deliver a live presentation on a virtual platform in a scientific format (12 minutes to present and 3 minutes for open questions from the audience) during the webinar on May 19, 2021. Selected students will receive DCWC

membership for one year in addition to receiving a complementary registration to the 2021 symposium.

Abstract Submission Instructions:

Abstracts should be no more than **300 words** and are due **April 9, 2021**. Selected students will be notified by April 23, 2021 via email if they have been selected. To submit an abstract, please email dcwcouncil@gmail.com and attach your abstract as a PDF. 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 2021 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium website for addition information and updates: <https://www.dwcouncil.org/symposium>

2021 Virtual Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium

May 25-27, 2021

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM EDT each day