



2020 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium: Promoting dairy cattle welfare and ethics through science and implementation of best practices

Location: Marriott Syracuse Downtown; Syracuse, New York (Finger Lakes Ballroom)

Dates: May 27th & 28th

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27th – DAY 1

7:00 a.m. – Registration & Breakfast

8:00 – Welcome & Opening Remarks: *Dr. Jeff Brose, DCWC outgoing president*

8:10 – Animal Empathy and the Ethical Upshot (*Dr. Christine Webb, Harvard Univ*)

9:15 – Research Presentation (*graduate student*)

9:30 – Break

COW-CALF CONTACT & ALTERNATIVE HOUSING

10:00 – Cow-Calf Contact in Dairy Production: Past, Present and Future Aspects (*Dr. Julie Føske Johnsen, Norwegian Veterinary Institute*)

10:30 – Global conversations and the available science on topic of cow calf separation: Are we prepared to talk about this issue? (*Dr. Nina von Kesyerlingk, Univ of British Columbia*)

11:00 – Producer Perspective (*Charles Ellett, Gatehouse of Fleet Scotland*)

11:30 – **Poll Everywhere** Roundtable Discussion (*speakers, attendees*)

12:00 – Research Presentation (*graduate student*)

12:15 – Platinum sponsor talk (*Boehringer Ingelheim*)

12:25 p.m. – Lunch

LABOR

1:30 – Engaging Dairy Labor Through Effective Communication (*Dr. Noa Roman-Muniz, Colorado State Univ*)

2:00 – Producer Panel (*Samantha Schon, Cornell Univ; Julie Patterson, Patterson Farms Inc.*)

2:45 – Break

END OF LIFE DECISIONS

3:00 – Timely Euthanasia – Why it Matters and Why We Fail (*Dr. Jen Walker, Danone North America*)

3:30 – Euthanasia On-Farm - Making Timely Decisions (*Dr. Monique Pairis-Garcia, North Carolina State Univ*)

4:00 – What Happens at the End? (*Dr. Lily Edwards-Callaway, Colorado State Univ*)

4:30 – **Poll Everywhere** Roundtable Discussion (*speakers, attendees*)

5:00 – **Social Hour Reception** held in Persian Terrace (**hors d'oeuvres & cash bar**)

THURSDAY, MAY 28th – DAY 2

7:00 a.m. – Breakfast

8:00 – Dairy Cattle Welfare Council: organizational update (*Dr. Jeff Brose, DCWC President*)

8:15 – Research Presentation (*graduate student*)

PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF WELFARE PROGRAMS

8:30 – Producer Panel: On-Farm Welfare Programs (*moderator: Dr. Gustavo Schuenemann, Ohio State Univ; panelists: Dr. Luiz Torres, North Florida Holsteins; Rogelio Beltran, Green Top Acres LLC; & Drs. Jimena Godoy & Hans Bothe, Aurora Organic Dairy*)

9:45 – Research Presentation (*graduate student*)

10:00 – Break

WELFARE SCENARIO

10:30 – Animal Welfare Assessment Workshop, (*Dr. Sharon Kuca, AVMA*)

12:00 – Research Presentation (*graduate student*)

12:15 – Platinum sponsor talk (*TBD*)

12:25 p.m. – Lunch

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1:30 – Research Presentation (*graduate student*)

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

1:45 – Mooving Media: Utilizing Podcasts to Educate and Entertain (*Dr. Karen Waite, Michigan State Univ; Dr. Kris Hiney, Oklahoma State Univ; & Dr. Betsy Greene, Univ of Arizona*)

3:15 – Closing Remarks: *Dr. Meggan Hain, DCWC incoming president*

3:30 – Adjourn

SPANISH-SPEAKING SESSION

May 27th from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Canandaigua Room

1:30 p.m. – Panel discussion “Opportunities & challenges implementing welfare programs” (*invited farm managers & moderators*)

2:45 – Break (same as large group)

3:00 – Analysis of case scenarios and “how to” best approach issues with welfare problems (*attendees & moderators*)

4:45 – Summary, Conclusions, & Final Remarks

5:00 – Adjourn & invited to Social Hour Reception with large group

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Full Symposium:

- Early Bird until April 30th: \$250
- Regular after April 30th: \$300
- Students: \$75 (30 seats available)

Symposium Capacity: 225 attendees

Continuing Education Credit: 14 hours

Spanish-Speaking Session (ONLY)
(50 seats available):

- Individual: \$75
- Farm (maximum of 4 people): \$200

Session Capacity: 50 attendees

The Spanish-speaking session is targeted towards farm managers, herdsmen, and key employees. Completion of this session will count towards required annual training outlined in the FARM Program.

Participants can register to attend only this session for \$75 per person or \$200 for four people from the same farm. No additional cost for full symposium registrants to attend this session.

For more details and to register online, please visit our website at:

<https://www.dwcouncil.org/symposium>