



2023 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium:
Promoting dairy cattle welfare and ethics through science and implementation of best practices
May 17th & 18th Hilton Fort Worth; Fort Worth, Texas

TUESDAY, MAY 16th – Preconference

Spanish Program: Leadership and animal welfare culture (TBD)

Farm Tour: Your VMS, Your Way with DeLaval Robotic Batch Milking (Pepper Dairy, Texas)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th – DAY 1

7:00 a.m. – Registration & Breakfast

8:00 – Welcome & 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*)

9:30 – Lameness and Environmental Management in Automated Milking Systems (*Dr. Nigel Cook, University of Wisconsin*)

10:00 – Break (sponsors & networking)

10:15 – Disease Prevention in Automated Milking Systems (*Dr. Laura Solano*)

10:45 – Cow behavior in Automated Milking Systems (*Dr. Trevor DeVries, University of Guelph*)

11:15 – Speaker Panel Discussion/Q&A

11:50 – Platinum sponsor talk (*TBD, DeLaval*)

12:00 p.m. – Lunch

1:00 – Student Research Presentation (*TBD*)

1:15 – Buyer's Panel: *Rachel Burke, Starbucks; TBD; TBD, Nestle*

2:15 – Student Research Presentation (*TBD*)

2:30 – Break (sponsors & networking)

3:00 – Different Calf Housing Systems (*Dr. Eric Van Der Velde*)

3:45 – Student Research Presentation (*TBD*)

4:00 – **Poll Everywhere** Roundtable Discussion (*moderator, speakers, attendees*)

5:00 – Social Hour Reception (hors d'oeuvres & cash bar)

THURSDAY, MAY 18th – DAY 2

7:00 a.m. – Breakfast

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

8:15 – Utilizing Genetic Technology for Health/Welfare (*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, Univ of Guelph*)

9:45 – Speaker Panel Discussion/Q&A

10:15 – Break (sponsors & networking)

10:30 – Student Research Presentation (*TBD*)

10:45 – Student Research Presentation (*TBD*)

11:20 – Platinum sponsors talk (*TBD, Boehringer Ingelheim*)

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1:15 – Producer Perspective – Utilizing genetics on the farm for health/welfare (*Lloyd Holterman, Rosy Lane Holsteins*)

1:30 – Producer Perspective – AMS (*Lambert VanderMade, Arps Dairy Inc.*)

1:45 – Producer Perspective – Group Housing Calves (*TBD*)

2:00 – Producer Panel Discussion/Q&A

2:30 – Student Research Presentation (*TBD*)

2:45 – Cow Calf Separation: Research evidence & learnings from the field (*TBD*)

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

3:30 – Adjourn

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Regular: \$380 (*New to DCWC? This option includes 1-year membership for first time new members to DCWC)
 - Non-Member: \$450
 - Late registration: \$520 (after April 1, 2023)
 - Students: \$120 (30 seats available)
- Symposium Capacity: 300 attendees*

Pre-Conference Registration:

- Spanish session:
 - Individuals \$100
 - Farm (max 4 people): \$300 session
- Farm tour: Free for symposium registrants, but you must register (first come, first served basis; max participants TBD). Transportation and tour details will be announced shortly.

Continuing Education Credit:

- Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners **13 hours (TBD)**
- Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO) **12 hours (TBD)**
- American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS) **10 CEUs (TBD)**
- FARM Program

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