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Mark Your Calendars for the 2019 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium

ORLANDO, Florida - Registration is now open for the 4th Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium, scheduled for May 29-30, 2019 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South located in Kissimmee, Florida. The Dairy Cattle Welfare Council (DCWC), a growing organization established in 2016, is hosting the event.

This symposium brings together dairy farmers, veterinarians, consultants, universities, and the dairy community to discuss best recommended practices with focus on animal well-being, management, husbandry, animal-people interaction, health, and productivity.

The first keynote speaker will be Dr. Bernard Rollin discussing “Ethics/Philosophy of Animal Welfare”. Other speakers will include Gwyn Jones, Alison Van Eenennaam, Hans Coetzee, Joao Costa, Emily Miller-Cushon, Christopher Wolf, Harvey Scott, Alan Theede, Brandon Treichler, and Jim Reynolds. The program will also include consumer and producer panel discussions, group discussions, as well as short oral presentations on dairy welfare-related research by students from universities across the country.

The Symposium will once again offer a Spanish-Speaking Session targeted towards farm managers, herdsmen, and key employees. This session will be held during the afternoon of the first day, May 29th. The goal for this Spanish-speaking session is to teach the basics of animal welfare, why it is important on the dairy, and how to train other employees. Participants can register to attend only this session for \$75 a person or \$200 for four people from the same farm.

Cost of registration for the full program is \$250 until April 30th and \$300 afterwards. Student registration is \$75 and is limited to 30 people. The two-day program will offer 12 hours of continuing education credits for veterinarians as well as credit from ARPAS and The FARM Program.

The full conference schedule, other details and online registration are available on the symposium’s website at <https://dcwcouncil.org/symposium>

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