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Register for the 2021 Virtual Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Registration is now open for the 2021 Virtual Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium: *Promoting dairy cattle welfare and ethics through science and implementation of best practices*. The program will be held online on May 25-27, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time each day. The Dairy Cattle Welfare Council (DCWC), a growing organization formally established in 2016, is hosting the event.

The three-day virtual symposium will cover dairy cattle welfare from the beginning to the end. Bringing together dairy farmers, veterinarians, consultants, universities, and the dairy community for learning and discussion to continue to improve the well-being and health of dairy cattle and the ability and fulfillment of farmers and their staff. A comment from a past symposium was, *"I think it is very rare that we manage to get minds with similar interests from different parts of the food chain together in one room. Made for very thoughtful discussion from different perspectives."* Another participant said, *"Networking, networking, networking. The discussions happening around tables and in the hallways are always one of the most enlightening and useful pieces of the event - which is saying a lot because the level of material presented is typically outstanding!"*

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Christine Webb from Harvard University discussing "Animal Empathy and the Ethical Snapshot". Other speakers will include Dr. Nina Von Keyserlingk, Dr. Julie Føske Johnsen, Charles Ellett, Dr. Sharon Kuca, Dr. Karen Waite, Dr. Kris Hiney, Dr. Betsy Greene, Dr. Jeremy Marchant-Ford, Dr. Jennifer Walker, and Dr. Victoria Merenda. The program will also include breakout rooms for small group discussion as well as discussion with the full group.

Cost of registration for the 3-day program is \$50. Continuing education credit to be approved by OVMLB (for veterinarians), ARPAS, PAACO, 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>

Sponsors of the event include the following: platinum-level sponsor Boehringer Ingelheim; silver-level sponsors Aurora Organic Dairy and Danone; and bronze-level sponsors Calf Star, Cargill, Dairy Farmers of America, Diamond V, Elanco, Empire State Milk Quality Council, FACTA, FARM Program, FutureCow, HoverChute, Nedap, Novus, Organic Valley, Perdue AgriBusiness, Phibro Animal Health, Select Sires, Sexing Technologies, Where Food Comes From/Validus and Zinpro. *Hoard's Dairyman* is the official media partner.

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