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# 2022 Form-A-Feed Dairy Conference Treasure Island Resort & Casino Welch, MN

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# January 13-14, 2022

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## Morning Spotlight Session: Thursday, January 13, 10:30 a.m. with lunch to follow

### Arming your Dairy for the Future. A Producer Panel.

Sustainability is a buzz word that is unavoidable in animal agriculture today. Setting the political connotations of that topic aside, there are tremendous opportunities for dairy farms to increase profitability, efficiency, and longevity by adopting sustainable technologies. Come listen to a producer panel of your peers discussing what they are doing to face this topic head on and prepare their dairy to be here for the long term. Rather than fearing the challenge, let's embrace the opportunities.

## Dairy Conference Day One - Thursday, January 13th, 1:15 p.m.



# Practical Transition Cow Management - Attention to Details Yields an Abundant Harvest

Mike Brouk, Kansas State University

Transition cow management is a challenge, but meeting the challenge returns an abundant harvest of milk through the entire lactation. Dr. Brouk will explore the many management factors beyond nutrition that result in a productive lactation. Using research, experience, and data analysis, he will challenge producers to carefully analysis their transition cow programs to increase cow performance and efficiency.

#### **Boosting Milk Components with Top-Notch Management** Rick Grant, Miner Institute

Forage quality and ration formulation affect milk components, but don't forget management and its role! Cow management that enhances eating, resting, and ruminating boosts milk yield, pounds of fat and protein, and rumen health. This session with Rick Grant will discuss how a carefully formulated ration plus top-notch cow management equals more milk components.



#### **Rethinking Methane - Livestock's Path to Climate Neutrality** Frank Mitloehner, University of California - Davis



How can farmers reduce their climate warming impacts while feeding a growing population? Frank Mitloehner, Ph.D., a professor at University of California-Davis has spent nearly two decades studying the relationship between the livestock industry and air quality. In his session, he will discuss the true impact of animal agriculture on the climate and how farmers can achieve climate neutrality.

Thursday Evening Banquet, Outstanding Dairy Award Presentation and Optional Bowling!



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# Dairy Conference Day Two - Friday, January 14th, 8:00 a.m.

#### **Break-Out Sessions: Pick Three**

#### Nutritional Management of Calcium Balance in Transition Cows - An Update on Your Options Kevin Buttles, Form-A-Feed

Managing the health of the transition cow is one of the most important factors to get right on your dairy farm. Despite improvements over the years, clinical and sub-clinical milk fever continue to be one of the most expensive, wide-spread, and frustrating issues that dairy producers face. Kevin will discuss the old and the new to give you ideas of what you can be doing to help reduce this problem on your operation. Like the changing of the weather, if you're not dealing with calcium balance challenges right now, just wait, you will be! Arm yourself with options on how to respond when you are faced with this challenge on your farm.



#### Monogastric to Ruminate: Helping Your Calves Bridge the Divide Chelsea Schossow, Form-A-Feed

Among the many difficult transitions on a dairy farm, transitioning baby calves from a monogastric on a liquid diet to ruminants consuming a TMR while maintaining good growth goals ranks near the top of the "most difficult" list. There are a lot of management and nutritional do's and don'ts that can help keep you out of the ditches and profitable during this critical life stage. We have some approaches we have been implementing successfully and we want to share them with you. She is the future of your herd, let's make sure we are doing it right!

#### Farm Transition, Where Do We Start?

#### Jim Molenaar, Farm Business Management instructor & Megan Roberts, University of Minnesota Extension educator

A succession plan can help the farm determine when and how to begin the transfer of the farm labor, income, management, and ownership during the farm owners' lifetimes. Megan Roberts and Jim Molenaar will discuss the first steps to make in beginning a farm transition to a future generation(s). Advanced topics will include best practices in moving your farm transition discussions to successful action.



#### **Realizing the Value of Forage Quality in Today's Feed Market** *Mike Brouk, Kansas State University*

Today we are faced with many financial challenges. One of the greatest is the lack of margin between feed cost and milk revenue. Dr. Brouk will help producers understand the value of forage quality in today's economic challenges. His presentation focuses on reducing feed cost and improving production through a renewed focus on producing and feeding quality forages.

### **Measuring Parlor Performance: What Are Your Options?**

Mario Solis Flores, Form-A-Feed



Milking irregularities on farms are common concerns that go unnoticed on farms and threaten the health and well being of your cows. In this breakout, you will learn about some of the irregularities caused by equipment and operators and how they impact the efficiency in your milking operation.

Register by December 20, 2021 for Best Rates! Final Registration deadline is January 6, 2022.



# Register by December 20, 2021 for Early Bird Rates!

Registration for the 2022 Professional Dairy Conference includes one room for up to two people for the full conference. **The cost is \$90 if you register by December 20th, 2021** and \$120 after that date. Final registration deadline is **January 6, 2022.** If you would like to register additional people for one room, please contact Sarah Kuechle at sarahkuechle@formafeed.com or call 800.422.3649.

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Room requests:

### Attendee Information:

NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE	SHIRT SIZE (shirts are unisex)

#### Which events will you be attending?

Morning Spotlight Session & Lunch	Non-smoking
Thursday Evening Social & Banquet	Smoking
Friday Morning Breakfast	🗌 Handicap

2022 Professional Dairy Conference location: Treasure Island Resort & Casino 5734 Sturgeon Lake Road Welch, MN 55089 www.ticasino.com 1-800-222-7077

#### **Registration Options:**

Full-conference, one hotel room, includes two people. By December 20th: \$90.00. After December 20th: \$120.00
Single day reservation, \$35 per day per person. No overnight stay, meal included.

#### Payment:

A completed registration form along with your conference payment is <u>due on or before January 6, 2022</u>. Make checks payable to Form-A-Feed, Inc. Send to:

Form-A-Feed, Inc. Attn: Dairy Conference (Sarah) PO Box 9 Stewart, MN 55385

Register and pay online with a credit card at www.formafeed.com/dairyconference22

Upon arrival, check-in at the Form-A-Feed registration table. Name tags are required for all conference events. Any incidental room charges are attendees expense. Room cancellations allowed on or before January 10th, without penalty.

