Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium: Intersection of Best Practices and Sustainability

**Location:** The Ohio Union at Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
**Date:** May 20th and 21st

**Day 1**

**8:00 – Welcome** (Ricardo Chebel, University of Florida)  
**8:05 – The history of dairy welfare assessment programs** (Emily Meredith, NMPF)  
**8:35 – The future of dairy welfare assessment programs** (Jennifer Walker, Dean Foods)  
**9:05 – Q&A/Roundtable** (moderator: Ricardo Chebel, University of Florida)

**LAMENESS**

**9:45 – Lameness and animal welfare: Effects of lameness on animal comfort, production, and survival** (Marcia Endres, University of Minnesota)  
**10:15 – Leading risk factors for lameness: Individual and herd-level** (Dana Tomlinson, Zinpro Performance Minerals)

**10:45 – Break**

**11:15 – Science-based consensus for animal Welfare assessment programs’ recommended prevalence of lameness in dairy herds** (Jan Shearer, Iowa State University)  
**11:45 – iClicker and Roundtable** (attendees, speakers, moderator: Gustavo Schuenemann, Ohio State University)  
**12:30 to 14:00 – Sponsored Lunch**

**14:00 – Replacement heifer management: Going beyond performance** (Dave Sjeklocha, Cattle Empire)  
**14:30 – Consequences of feed and housing practices for animal welfare and performance** (Emily Miller-Cushon, University of Florida)  
**15:00 – Veterinary Feed Directive: from an animal welfare perspective** (Elizabeth Adams, Merck Animal Health)  
**15:30 – Break**

**16:00 – Pain management: Science-based guidelines for Welfare audits** (James P. Reynolds, Praedium Ventures LLC)  
**16:30 – iClicker and Roundtable** (attendees, speakers, moderator: Katy Proudfoot, Ohio State University)  
**18:00 – Student poster presentation**  
**19:00 – Adjourn**

**Day 2**

**PROMOTING TEAMWORK AND PERSONNEL PERFORMANCE**

**8:00 – On-Farm Needs for Dairy Personnel Training** (Frank Dinis, Hilmar, CA)  
**8:30 – Building an Effective Training Program for Dairy Personnel** (Luís Mendonça, Kansas State University)  
**9:00 – Monitoring Personnel Performance with Emphasis on Animal Welfare** (Gustavo Schuenemann, Ohio State University)  
**9:30 – Break**  
**10:00 – iClicker and Roundtable** (attendees, speakers, moderator: Gláucio Lopes Jr., SCR Dairy)  
**11:30-12:30: Sponsored Lunch**

**MASS COMMUNICATION, MARKETING, AND ECONOMICS OF ANIMAL WELFARE**

**12:30 – Mass communication: Putting the good word out there about common practices of the dairy industry** (Antone Mickelson, Dari Gold)  
**13:00 – Food integrity and consumer perception** (Charlie Arnot, Center for Food Integrity)  
**14:00 – How did I change/build my dairy to adapt to new animal welfare standards** (Don Bennink, North Florida Holstein, FL; Teun Verhoeven, Twin Oak Dairy, OH; Juan Velez, Aurora Dairy, CO)  
**15:00 – iClicker and Roundtable** (attendees, speakers, moderator: Travis Thayer, Diamond V)  
**16:00 – Adjourn**
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Mission: The long term mission of the Dairy Welfare Symposium is to explore the creation of a Dairy Welfare Consortium that will bring together dairymen, veterinarians, consultants, universities, and industry to develop best recommended practices.

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Capacity: 265 attendees

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