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Many thanks to all who attended the Low-Cost Parlor Tours and NE Iowa Dairy Days. Over 300 producers attended the 13? Parlor tours over the week of December 3-7th with some great comments.

Over the past two months I've had a great opportunity to meet with many of you on your farms to discuss possibilities of remodeling your existing stall barn or parlor into a newer, more efficient low-cost parlor. For others who would like assistance in this area, or any other area for that matter, please feel free to give us a call.

Dairy Days in NE Iowa were again successful with 363 total participants or an average of 52 per site. Our hope is that you enjoyed the presentations as the evaluations showed a very positive response for picking up useful ideas in the topic areas.

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Dairy Facilities Conference

March 22nd is the date for the ISU Extension Dairy Facilities Conference to be held at the following locations: NE Iowa Dairy Center, Calmar; Brenton Center, Ames; Keystone AEA, Elkader; Sioux Center AEA; Cherokee High School and Dyersville Beckman High School. The Agenda is:

- 10:00 **You Too Can Have a Low-Cost Parlor**
Larry Tranel, ISU Extension Dairy FS
- 10:30 **Ventilating Parlors, Holding Areas and Barns**
Dan Meyer, ISU Extension Ag Engineer
- 11:05 **Adequate Lighting Pays Dividends**
Leo Timms, ISU Extension Dairy Specialist
- 11:35 **Local Field Research on Cow Comfort**
Dale Thoreson, ISU Extension Dairy FS
- 1:00 **Open Our Eyes to Cow Comfort: Time Lapse**
Neil Anderson, DVM, Ontario, Canada
- 2:00 **Manure Handling, Storage and Digesters U**
Dan Meyer, ISU Extension Ag Engineer
- 2:35 **Feedlot Runoff Rules & Control Designs**
Dr. Jeff Lorimer, ISU Extension Ag Engineer

Info: call 563-425-3331. Cost is \$15 at Calmar, \$10 at others.

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NE Iowa Dairy/Beef and Forages Calendar

