Dairy Technology Field Day

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Taakes Family Farm
4167 Seven Sisters Rd., Ely, IA

Following farm tour:
Dan & Debbie’s Creamery 1600 Main St., Ely, IA

AGENDA

Schanbacher Acres owned by Jay and Barb, recently updated their parlor to a swing 20 using the Trans Iowa low cost parlor design. This 400-cow dairy also recently installed solar technology to reduce cost on the farm.

The Taakes family milk 120 cows with 2 A5 Lely automatic milking systems, utilize a Vector feeding system and robotic manure collectors in the barn. The Taakes family also own and operate Dan and Debbie’s Creamery. Following the farm tour, participants can check out the creamery, where milk is processed into a variety of products including icecream, cheesecurds, butter, and milk. Josie will greet you when you arrive with a Q and A session to learn more about the creamery.

Lunch will be on your own between farm visits. Please RSVP to Dubuque County Extension office at 563-583-6496.

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