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Dairy Meetings Feature Low-Cost Parlors, Calf Management and Organic Production

Join ISU Extension Dairy Specialists, Larry Tranel and Jenn Bentley, for a morning session addressing two topics improving efficiencies on the dairy farm. Larry Tranel will discuss how to implement a low cost parlor system and Jenn Bentley will discuss calf management and how pasteurizers can improve health on the dairy operation. This workshop will be jointly held with Organic Valley sponsoring lunch. The afternoon program will consist of managing an organic dairy herd and the profitability of organic dairying and grazing. Participants are welcome to attend one or both sessions.

Program dates are Tuesday, March 4 at the Allamakee Farm Bureau Office, 14 1\textsuperscript{st} Ave NE in Waukon and Wednesday, March 5 at Neuman’s Bar and Grill, 927 Main Street, Holy Cross. Registration will start at 10:00 a.m. with the program starting at 10:15 a.m. until noon. The afternoon program will begin at 1:00 p.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m.

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Dairy Webinar Series Offered

Mark your calendars for noon webinars on March 13, 20, and 27 and join the ISU Extension and Outreach Dairy Team as they discuss issues surrounding calf management and feeding systems. Topics will include early life management factors, facilities and ventilation, and automatic calf feeder management. Presenters will include Howard Tyler, ISU Professor of Animal Science, Lee Kilmer and
Leo Timms, ISU Professors of Animal Science and Extension Dairy Specialists, Jenn Bentley, Extension Dairy Specialist, Dan Huyser, Extension Ag Engineer, and Rebecca Brotzman, Outreach Specialist at the Dairyland Initiative.

This webinar is sponsored by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and North Central Risk Management Education Center. High speed internet is required. To join the webinar, log onto https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/isuedairy, or if you would like more information contact Jenn Bentley at jbentley@iastate.edu or 563-382-2949.

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Transition Cow Workshops Set for March 25 and 26 in Iowa and Wisconsin

The most significant time in a dairy cow’s milk production cycle is the weeks leading up to, and following, the birth of a calf. Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin (PDPW) will offer two, one-day workshops on helping cows in this important transitional period.

“Challenges and Solutions for the Transition Cow” will be held in two locations:
- Tuesday, March 25, at the Iowa Dairy Center, 1527 Hwy. 150 S. in Calmar, Iowa. This program is being held collaboratively with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation.
- The workshop will be repeated on Wednesday, March 26, at the Arlington Research Station, N695 Hopkins Road, Arlington, Wis.

In both locations, registration begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by five presentations featuring today’s leading dairy scientists who will address the physiological, metabolic and nutritional challenges faced by transition cows. The speakers and topics include:
- “Reducing Transition Cow Mortality,” presented by Dr. Frank Garry, professor at Colorado State University, Department of Clinical Sciences. The risk of cow loss is highest during the transition period, and Dr. Garry will share an improved approach to diagnosis and information management. He’ll explain how paying attention to causes of transition cow health problems can create changes that substantially decrease losses in your herd.
- “Pen Movement during the Transition Period” presented by Dr. Ric Grummer, Emeritus Professor, Department of Dairy Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and also Ruminant Technical Director for Balchem. As cows progress from the dry period to early lactation, they are typically moved at least once, which can induce stress. Dr. Grummer will present recent research that examines the consequences of moving transition cows and tips and tricks that can make a difference on every dairy farm.
- “Postpartum: The Crucial Three Weeks,” also be presented by Dr. Ric Grummer. Feeding the cow during the post-fresh transition period, when dairy cows may experience large energy and protein deficits, is as critical as during the dry period. Dr. Grummer will discuss strategies to help meet nutrient deficits during the early postpartum period.
- “Moving Down Cows,” presented by Dr. Robert Leder, a practicing veterinarian in Bear Creek and Clintonville, Wis. While down cows are a reality of dairy farming, having a plan in place protects both animals and people on your dairy farm. Dr. Leder will review basic principles and share protocols to increase cow comfort, as well as improve the outcome of non-ambulatory cows. Dr. Leder is currently the chair of the Large Animal Welfare subcommittee of the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association.
- “Keeping Transition Cows Cool,” with Dr. Ric Grummer. While investments to cool lactating cows are warranted, Dr. Grummer will review the importance of cooling dry cows and address the benefits of investing in equipment or feeding strategies to cool dry cows.
These interactive workshops will include question-and-answer sessions with the speakers. Lunch is also included. For a detailed brochure or to register, visit www.pdpw.org, or call 800-947-7379.

Dairy science and veterinary professionals attending PDPW’s Transition Cow Workshops can receive continuing education credits through the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine, as well as through ARPAS, the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists.

Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin is a dairy-producer founded organization that provides educational programs and services to fellow dairy producers. PDPW’s mission is “to share ideas, solutions, resources, and experiences that help dairy producers succeed.”

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