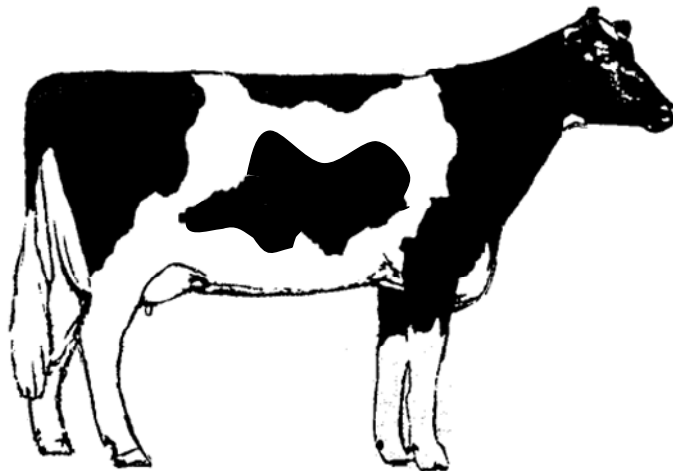


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To: **Florida Dairy Producers, Allied Industry and Others**
Re: **43rd Annual Florida Dairy Production Conference**

Welcome to the 43rd Annual Florida Dairy Production Conference! This conference provides an opportunity for representatives from all aspects of the Florida Dairy Industry to focus on information and ideas for improving profitability and sustainability of the Florida dairy industry for the future.

The planning committee has planned this program in hopes that you will take home some information that will be of benefit in the planning and operation of your business. The speakers have been chosen with careful consideration for subject matter of timely significance. We believe that their information will be useful to you.

The proceedings are provided as a reference and record of the conference. Additional copies are available by contacting the UF/IFAS Department of Animal Sciences. You will also find the proceedings posted on the UF/IFAS Dairy Extension website at <http://dairy.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Thank you for your participation in the 2006 conference. Please feel free to provide any comments that can be used in planning future Florida Dairy Production Conferences.

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Program Schedule

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

AM

Century Ballroom

Presiding - Russ Giesy, UF/IFAS Dairy Extension, Bushnell, FL

9:45 Welcome and Remarks

Glen Hembry, Chair, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville

10:00 The South CAN Rise Again

Jim Dickrell, Dairy Today & Elite Producer Magazines, Monticello, MN

10:45 Genetics for the Future Southeast Dairy Industry

Marjorie Faust, ABS Global, Inc., DeForest, WI

11:30 Supply of Milk to Southeast Markets

Calvin Covington, Southeast Milk, Inc., Belleview, FL

PM

12:00 Luncheon

Presiding - Charlie Staples, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville

1:15 Using Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) for Dairy Cattle Management

Dan Webb, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

1:45 Economic Considerations of Sexed Semen on Your Dairy

Michael Overton, College of Veterinary Medicine, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA

2:30 Ranking Dairy Cows for Optimal Breeding Decisions

Albert de Vries, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

3:00 Refreshment Break

3:30 How to Optimize Corn Silage Quality in Florida

Adegbola Adesogan, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

4:00 Future of Milk Production in Florida

Producer Panel, Participants: L. E. "Red" Larson, David Sumrall, Ed Henderson, Joe Wright

Moderator: Jim Dickrell

5:00 Adjourn

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

AM

Dogwood Room

9:00 PCDART Workshop

Dan Webb, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville

PM

12:00 Adjourn

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Calvin Covington, CEO, Southeast Milk, Inc., Belleview, FL

Albert de Vries, Assistant Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Jim Dickrell, Editor, Dairy Today & Elite Producer magazines, Monticello, MN

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L. E. "Red" Larson, Dairy Producer, Okeechobee, FL

Michael Overton, Associate Professor, College of Veterinary Medicine, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA

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David Sumrall, President and CEO, Dairy Production Systems, High springs, FL

Dan Webb, Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

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