Mission Statement

The mission of the Florida Dairy Production Conference is to create a program which brings together some of the newest research, innovations, recommendations and ideas for improving the sustainability and profitability of the Florida dairy industry. The presented information provides practical take-home messages for dairy farmers and highlights emerging trends in the primary dairy industry. The conference strives to provide a friendly learning and sharing atmosphere with networking opportunities for our target audience of dairy owners and employees, allied dairy industry professionals, students and dairy educators.

Registration

Your registration fee for the Dairy Production Conference includes the program, a copy of the proceedings, refreshment breaks, and the luncheon. Registration fees: Early registration ending on March 31: $60 per person. In April or at the door: $90 per person. To register, please visit http://dairy.ifas.ufl.edu (using EventBrite credit card registration) or contact Sabrina Robinson by phone (352) 392-1958, ext. 250 or email shro@ufl.edu. Registration fees will be collected by check/cash, or credit card at the registration table of the conference.

Conference Location

The 50th Florida Dairy Production Conference will be held in the Alto Straughn IFAS Extension Professional Development Center on 2142 Shealy Drive, Gainesville, next door to the Animal Sciences Building and across the street from the UF Veterinary Hospital. Plenty of parking space is available.

Directions to the Straughn Extension Center:

From I-75, take Exit 384 (Archer Road) and turn east towards campus; travel 2.5 miles and V off to the right onto SW 16th Ave; proceed to the first light (Shealy Drive) and turn right onto Shealy Drive (the College of Veterinary Medicine will be on your left as you turn); the Straughn Extension Center will be on your right about a block down on Shealy Drive.

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Wednesday, April 9, 2014
9:45 AM – 5:00 PM
Alto Straughn IFAS Extension Professional Development Center
2142 Shealy Drive
Gainesville, Florida 32611
Dairy Production Conference Participants

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

Bruno Amaral, Dairy Nutritionist Consultant, Purina Animal Nutrition, Jacksonville, FL

Geoff Dahl, Professor and Chairman, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Tim Hackmann, Assistant Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Calvin Moody, Managing Owner, BrooksCo Farm, Quitman, GA

Corwin Nelson, Assistant Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Don Niles, Managing Owner, Dairy Dreams LLC, Casco, WI

Jose Santos, Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Gustavo Schuenemann, Assistant Professor, Extension Veterinarian, Department of Veterinary Preventative Medicine, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Mike Van Amburgh, Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

… and all registered attendees

Conference Agenda
Wednesday, April 9, 2014

9:00 AM Registration
Presiding - Mary Sowerby, University of Florida

9:45 Welcome and IFAS dairy update - Geoffrey Dahl, University of Florida

10:00 Avoiding the two greatest silage problems - Adegbola Adesogan, University of Florida

10:50 Goals for my program in udder health - Corwin Nelson, University of Florida

11:10 Management and training of dairy personnel: Emphasis on team work and performance - Gustavo Schuenemann, The Ohio State University

12:00 PM Luncheon
Presiding - Jose Santos, University of Florida

1:00 Goals for my program in ruminant microbiology - Tim Hackmann, University of Florida

1:20 What does mom want to tell me? Colostrum and milk as a communication vehicle from the dam to the calf - Mike Van Amburgh, Cornell University, NY

2:10 Management opportunities for improving profitability of SE dairies: Where are the real dollars? - Bruno Amaral, Purina Animal Nutrition, Jacksonville, FL

3:00 Break

3:30 Producer’s view of staying ahead in the dairy business - Calvin Moody, BrooksCo Farm, Quitman, GA

4:00 Producer’s view of staying ahead in the dairy business - Don Niles, Dairy Dreams LLC, Casco, WI

4:30 Discussion: Staying ahead in the dairy business - Moderator Jose Santos

5:00 Reception - Hors d’oeuvres, non-alcoholic beverages and beer are available.

Program Committee

Courtney Davis, Albert De Vries, Klibs Galvaõ, Chris Holcomb, Carlos Risco, José Santos, and Mary Sowerby.

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