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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.

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9:00 AM **Registration**

Presiding - *Mary Sowerby*, University of Florida

- 9:45 **Welcome and IFAS dairy update** - *Geoffrey Dahl*, University of Florida, Gainesville
- 10:00 **Avoiding the two greatest silage problems** - *Adegbola Adesogan*, University of Florida, Gainesville
- 10:50 **Goals for my program in udder health** - *Corwin Nelson*, University of Florida, Gainesville
- 11:10 **Management and training of dairy personnel: Emphasis on team work and performance** - *Gustavo Schuenemann*, The Ohio State University, Columbus

12:00 PM **Luncheon**

Presiding - *Jose Santos*, University of Florida

- 1:00 **Goals for my program in rumen microbiology** - *Tim Hackmann*, University of Florida, Gainesville
- 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, Ithaca, 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, wine and beer are available.

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