

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 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, luncheon and reception. Registration fees: Early registration ending on **March 31**: \$60 per person. In April or at the door: \$90 per person. To register, visit <http://dairy.ifas.ufl.edu/dpc/info.shtml> (using EventBrite credit card registration) or contact Sabrina Robinson by phone (352) 392-1958, ext. 250 or email sbro@ufl.edu. Registration fees will also be collected by check, cash, or credit card at the registration table.

Conference Location

The 52nd 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 Straughn Extension Center will be on your right. Plenty of parking spaces are available this year.

Sponsorship Opportunities

We have four sponsorship packages:

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Visit <http://dairy.ifas.ufl.edu/dpc/info.shtml> (using EventBrite credit card payments) to register your level of sponsorship. Gold and Silver sponsors are asked to contact Sabrina Robinson, sbro@ufl.edu, with the names with their free registrations.

For more information regarding sponsorship or to become a sponsor, please contact Jose Santos at (352) 392-1958 ext. 251 or e-mail jepsantos@ufl.edu.

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Wednesday, April 6, 2016

9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Alto Straughn IFAS Extension
Professional Development Center
2142 Shealy Drive
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Conference Agenda

- 8:30 AM **Registration**
- 9:30 **Welcome and IFAS dairy update** - *Geoffrey Dahl*, University of Florida
- 9:40 **What dairy farmers should know about genetic selection** - *Francisco Peñagaricano*, University of Florida
- 10:10 **Opportunity costs when choosing service sires** - *Ole Meland*, past chair Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding
- 10:50 **Minimizing costs of mastitis through enhancing antimicrobial protein production in the udder** - *Corwin Nelson*, University of Florida
- 11:20 **Improving milk quality: Troubleshooting high laboratory bacteria counts on the farm** - *Jamie Cantrell*, Dairy Farmers of America
- 12:00 PM **Luncheon**
- 1:10 **Warm-season perennial grass management in Florida** - *Joao Vendramini*, University of Florida
- 1:40 **Current strategies to increase nutritive value of corn silage** - *Luiz Ferraretto*, Miner Institute
- 2:20 **Economic evaluation of dairy cow stocking density** - *Albert De Vries*, University of Florida
- 2:45 **Update on Florida environmental regulations, including BMP manual release** - *Ray Hodge*, Southeast Milk
- 3:00 **Break**
- 3:30 **Opportunities for making milk in the Southeast: Full Circle Dairy, FL** - *Eric Diepersloot*
- 4:00 **Overcoming challenges during the adoption of new technologies: Abel Dairy Farms, WI** - *Steve Abel*
- 4:30 **Producer Panel** - *Moderator: Jose Santos*
- 5:00 **Reception**

Program Committee

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Participants with special needs can be reasonably accommodated by contacting Albert De Vries at least 10 days prior to the conference. He can be reached by phone at (352) 392-5594 ext. 227 or by email devries@ufl.edu

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