Mission Statement

The mission of the Florida Dairy Production Conference is to bring together the newest research, innovations, recommendations and ideas for improving the sustainability and profitability of the Florida dairy industry. The information presented provides practical take-home messages for dairy farmers and highlights emerging trends in the dairy industry. The conference provides a friendly learning atmosphere and networking opportunities for dairy owners and employees, allied dairy industry professionals, students and dairy educators.

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Conference Location

The 53rd Florida Dairy Production Conference will be held in the Alto Straughn IFAS Extension Professional Development Center, 2142 Shealy Drive, Gainesville. Parking space is available. Directions: 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.

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Conference Agenda

9:00  Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:10  Alternative strategies for improving feed efficiency and sustainability (Michael VandeHaar, Michigan State University)
9:50  Improving efficiency of microbial growth in order to reduce protein feed costs for cows (Timothy Hackmann, University of Florida)
10:20  Milk Break
10:50  Lessons from 30 years working with dairy producers (Art Donovan, University of Florida)
11:30  Effects of prepartum acidogenic salts on calcium and energy metabolism in transition cows (Corwin Nelson, University of Florida)
12:00  Luncheon
13:30  Genetic and non-genetic effects on embryo production technologies (Peter Hansen, University of Florida)
14:15  Challenges, opportunities, and prospects of US dairy production (Robert Hagevoort, New Mexico State University)
15:00  Milk Break
15:30  The role of the modern dairy cow in improving the profitability of dairy production (Greg Andersen, Seagull Bay Dairy, American Falls, Idaho)
16:00  Thinking outside the box: one panhandle farm’s quest for sustainability (Meghan Austin (Cindale Farms, Marianna, Florida)
16:30  Producer Panel (Moderator: Albert De Vries)
17:00  RECEPTION