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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 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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Wednesday, September 26, 2018
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9.00 AM  Welcome and opening remarks
Thomas Obreza (Senior Associate Dean for Extension, University of Florida)

9.10  Team building to maximize performance and animal welfare
Don Niles (Dairy Dreams, Wisconsin)

9.50  The economics of animal welfare
Ricardo Chebel (University of Florida)

10.20  BREAK

10.50  How to implement a successful milk quality program
Pamela Ruegg (Michigan State University)

11.30  Impact of transition disorders on production and reproduction performance
Rafael Bisinotto (University of Florida)

12.00 PM  LUNCHEON

1.30  Feeding transition cows
Michael Hutjens (University of Illinois)

2.15  Forage options for dairy farms in the southeast
Jose Dubeux (University of Florida)

3.00  BREAK

3.30  My experience with undercover activist videos: improving public perception of dairy production
Jacob Larson (Larson Dairy, Florida)

4.00  Optimizing dairy cattle management and welfare
Kyle Averhoff (Royal Farms Dairy, Kansas)

4.30  Producer Panel
Moderator: Albert De Vries

5.00  RECEPTION