2020
Florida Ruminant Nutrition Symposium

February 3 – 5, 2020
Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel
Gainesville, Florida

31st Annual Meeting

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The registration fee includes continental breakfasts, Monday’s reception, Tuesday’s buffet hot and cold luncheon, refreshment breaks, Tuesday night’s reception, and one copy of the symposium proceedings.

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*(On or before January 17, 2020)* ................................................................. $180.00

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- **Registration** – *Early Registration Fee Deadline is January 17, 2020*
- **Program Speakers, Updates & Announcements**
- **Accommodations & Meeting Site**
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- **ARPAS CE credits:** the following CE credits are approved by ARPAS: Balchem Mini-Symposium, 2 credits; Virtus Nutrition Pre-Conference, 4 credits; Florida Ruminant Nutrition Symposium, 7 credits.

Questions?

**Conference Information**

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Symposium Program

**Monday, February 3, 2020** - Mini-Symposium sponsored by Balchem Corporation “Methyl Donors and 1-C Metabolism in Dairy Cows”

1:00 PM Dr. Clay Zimmerman, Balchem Corporation. Welcome and introductions

2:00 PM Dr. Clay Zimmerman, Balchem Corporation. “Methyl donor nutrition in the transition dairy cow: contemporary health perspectives”

2:05 PM Dr. Joe McFadden, Cornell University. “Methyl donor nutrition in the transition dairy cow: contemporary health perspectives”

2:50 PM Dr. Christiane Girard, Agriculture and Agrifood Canada. “Folic acid and vitamin B12 nutrition of dairy cows”

3:35 PM Refreshment Break

4:00 PM Dr. Peter Hansen, University of Florida. “Methyl donors and epigenetic regulation of the early embryo”

4:45 PM Dr. Tom Overton, Cornell University. “Methyl donor nutrition in the transition dairy cow: impacts on performance”

5:30 PM Dr. Clay Zimmerman. Summary and wrap-up

5:40 PM Poolside Barbeque

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020** - Pre-Conference Sponsored by Virtus Nutrition “Novels Aspects of Fatty Acid Nutrition in Dairy Cows”

8:15 AM Dr. Kevin Murphy, Virtus Nutrition. Welcome and introductions

8:30 AM Dr. Barry Bradford, Michigan State University. “Transition cows - How fatty acids affect immunity, production and health”

9:20 AM Dr. Joe McFadden, Cornell University. “Fatty acid nutrition and biology to optimize health and production”

10:10 AM Refreshment Break

10:40 AM Dr. Kevin Harvatine, Pennsylvania State University “The intersection of dietary and milk fatty acids - How photoperiod and variability affect production”

11:30 AM Buffet Lunch

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020** – Symposium

1:00 PM Dr. José Santos, University of Florida. Welcome

1:05 PM Dr. Saqib Mukhtar, University of Florida. IFAS update

1:10 PM Dr. William Thatcher, University of Florida. “Fatty acids and fertility – the contributions of Dr. Charlie Staples”

1:50 PM Dr. Tom Jenkins, Clemson University. “Factors that modify rumen fatty acid outflow versus feed input”

2:30 PM Dr. Jacquelyn Boerman, Purdue University. “What have we learned about fatty acid digestibility in dairy cattle?”

3:10 PM Refreshment Break

3:40 PM Dr. Rodrigo Bicalho, Cornell University. “The role of the calf microbiota on performance and health”

4:20 PM Dr. Michael Steele, University of Guelph. “Pre-weaning calf nutrition and rumen epithelium development, metabolism and health”

5:00 PM Welcome Reception

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020** – Symposium

6:30 AM Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM Dr. Pedro Veiga, Cargill Animal Nutrition. “Dietary strategies for the cow calf herd – the experience of the Brazilian beef industry”

8:40 AM Dr. Philipe Moriel, University of Florida. “Nutritional strategies for developing replacement Bos Indicus-influenced beef heifers”

9:20 AM Dr. Rodolfo Cardoso, Texas A&M University. “Nutritional control of puberty in beef heifers, mechanisms and application”

10:00 AM Refreshment Break

10:30 AM Dr. Diwakar Vyas, University of Florida. “The role of N recycling in improving efficiency of N utilization in dairy cattle”

11:10 AM Dr. Antonio Faciola, University of Florida. “Digestion and nutrient flow in continuous culture system and animal responses. Do they match?”

11:50 AM Ruminant Nutrition Symposium Adjourns
Meeting Site & Hotel Accommodations

Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel
4200 NW 97th Blvd.
Gainesville, Florida 32606
(Exit 390 off of I-75).

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