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The future of your dairy herd depends on your knowledge, care and attention to detail



Tues. Nov. 10, 2020

Alfalawn Farm, E2859 290th Street, Menomonie, WI

Weds. Nov. 11, 2020

Maple Ridge Dairy, 213600 March Rapids Ave, Stratford, WI

Thur. Nov. 12, 2020

Brindlewood Barn Venue, W307I County Road B, Hilbert, WI

9:00 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Workshop begins

12:00 p.m. Lunch and Table Topics

4:30 p.m. Workshop concludes

General Sessions

What's up with disease resurgence?

Dairy herds are seeing a spike in disease; is this due to disease mutations or lapses in vaccinations? Or are we simply more aware? Lean into the discussion with **Dr. Curt Vlietstra**, **DVM**, as he tackles the complex topic of disease resurgence – giving particular attention to Bovine Viral Diarrhea. Explore effects of this potentially costly disease beyond the persistently infected calf; how does BVD impact the immune systems and growth of young stock?

Producer panel: Lessons learned

With boots-on-the-ground experience, two Wisconsin calf raisers - Sherry Arnold of Busse's Barron Acres in Barron and Heather Jauquet of Synergy Dairy in Pulaski - provide a virtual walk-through of their facilities. They'll share lessons learned, challenges encountered and remedies discovered regarding facilities, nutrition, seasonal challenges and other management methods. Discover the do's, don'ts, advantages and disadvantages of a number of calf-raising options and philosophies, including raising calves in hutches, group housing, using computerized feeders, and more.

Breakout Sessions

attendees will attend both sessions

Manage milk for consistent nutrition

- Dr. Brent Cousin, DVM

Pasteurized whole milk has become one of the leading nutritional sources fed to pre-weaned dairy calves. However, whole milk alone may not supply everything calves need to reach health or growth-rate targets. Discover the pros and cons of using whole-milk balancers and fortifiers, as well as practical ways to evaluate milk consistency on your dairy. Learn how to manage variations in the milk diet and gain experience with refractometers, make critical calculations, and better utilize whole-milk balancers and other resources to support calf health and growth.

Calf necropsy: Get under their skin

- Dr. Vicky Lauer, DVM

Pull on your gloves and join Dr. Vicky as she guides you through the inside of the calf. See for yourself what affects a calf under its hide and how to manage and care for the youngest in your herd. Setting the stage for healthy digestive and respiratory systems in your calves, this hands-on lab will clarify proper and improper vaccinating approaches, appropriate drug-injection techniques and correct tubing of calves.

Session Presenters



Curt Vlietstra, DVM, is a Professional Services Veterinarian for the cattle division of Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica. He previously worked in private practice in Minnesota as an owner and veterinarian. Dr. Vlietstra earned his DVM degrees from the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine.



Brent Cousin, DVM, obtained his DVM degree from UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, worked IO years in private practice, and consulted throughout the Upper Midwest as a Professional Services Veterinarian for Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica. Currently he is working as veterinarian/manager for Holsum Dairies LLC, in Calumet County, Wisconsin.



Vicky Lauer, DVM, received her DVM from the University of Missouri–Columbia and is part of the Armor Animal Health (formerly ANIMART) Professional Services Veterinarian team. Dr. Lauer is involved in the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners, American Association of Bovine Practitioners, and both the American and Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Associations.

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