

The Mission of the Northeast Iowa Community Based Dairy Foundation is to enhance and grow the dairy industry through people by providing education, demonstration and research.

Vision: Successful dairy farm families supported by a thriving dairy industry which in turn supports vital local communities.

The Northeast Iowa Community Based Dairy Foundation works with Northeast Iowa Community College and Iowa State University to offer educational programs to students and existing dairy farm families to help them prepare for the future.

Thank you for your generosity & memberships!

A huge thank you to the individuals and corporations who have recently become members and/ or made contributions.

Thank you to all of the volunteers at Breakfast on the Farm! The event is not possible without such great support from all of you.

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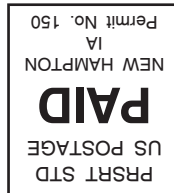
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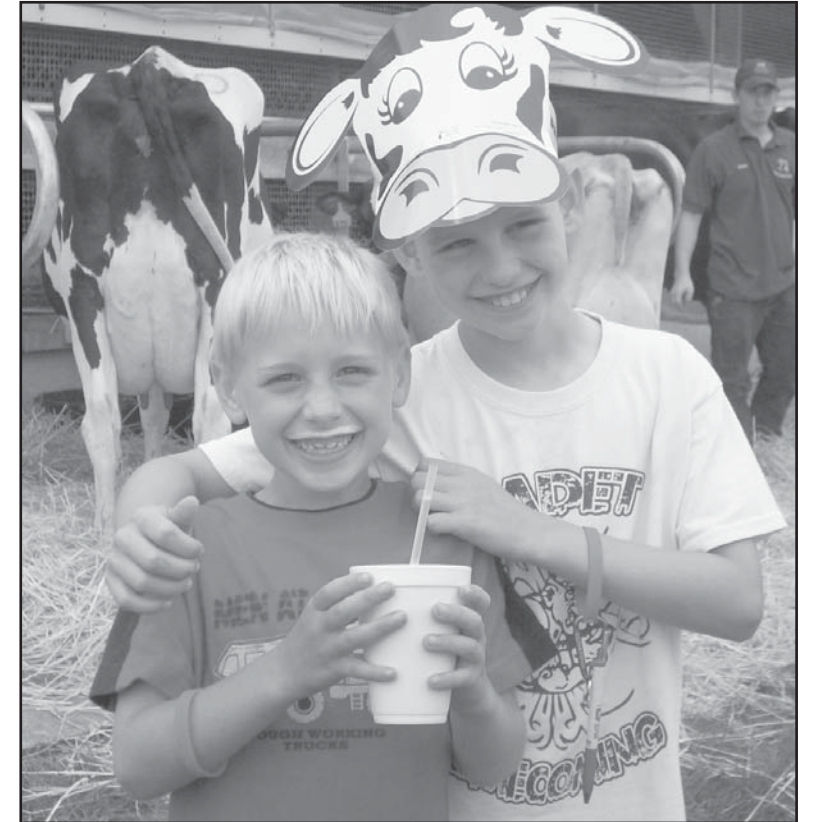
New Record Attendance at Breakfast on the Farm

As the storm clouds cleared on the morning of Saturday, June 22, nearly 700 visitors came to enjoy freshly made waffles at the Dairy Foundation's Breakfast on the Farm at the Dairy Center in Calmar.

The menu included delicious waffles by Dad's Belgian Waffles, sausage, cheese, yogurt and of course lots of milk and ice cream to top it off. The yogurt was provided by Country View Dairy, Dave and Carolee Rapson family, which was processed by them on their farm near Hawkeye, Iowa. A total of 696 people were served, a new record for the event. A big thank you also goes to Iowa Pork Producers for covering the cost of the sausage.

Volunteers explained the practices used to raise healthy calves and cows and everyone got a sneak peak at the future of the Dairy Center. Questions about dairy farming and food production were encouraged throughout the tour as the event focused on those who do not normally have access to dairy farms. Visitors could also try hand milking a cow at a booth sponsored by the Northeast Iowa Community College Dairy Science Club.

The dairy breakfast is coordinated by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Midwest Dairy Association, Northeast Iowa Community College and the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation. Many businesses and organizations also contribute to making the breakfast a success. We look forward to seeing you next year at Breakfast on the Farm!



A Word from the President - Gary Kregel

Wow, what a difference a year makes. Last year at this time we couldn't buy a rain and this year the spicket won't close. I guess the historian would say it's just average –the sum of two extremes.

Everyone in this corner of the world has been affected by this year's weather, most in a negative way. Planting was a struggle at best and haying was near impossible. It is yet to be determined, but feed availability and quality are going to be impacted probably more negatively than last year's drought, especially when it comes to hay quality. Well we will do what we always do, that is roll with the punches that Mother Nature throws at us.

A big thank you to all that attended and/or helped with this year's Breakfast on the Farm. Also thanks to Lynn and staff for having everything looking good which is not easy when you are in the middle of a construction project. This year's attendance was the largest yet, again thank you all.

Construction yes, the robot project is moving ahead as those at the breakfast saw. The project is on or ahead of schedule and should be ready for cows around the time classes start in the fall. The capital campaign has kicked off with huge help from Midwest Dairy Association. This will be followed up with contacts to other supporting organizations and businesses and then to producers and individuals like yourself. At this time I thank you in advance for your support.



The Dairy Foundation would like to extend a HUGE thank-you to Dennis and Barb Mashek for all their help in establishing new flower beds at the Dairy Center. Also, thank you to Croell in Calmar for donating all of the pea rock.

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- Please call me to discuss a gift idea.
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The Northeast Iowa Community-Based Dairy Foundation was created for educational purposes and has been designated as an IRS Sec. 501 (c)3 public charitable educational organization for federal income, estate and gift tax purposes.

Presenting the class of 2013

2013 Agriculture Graduates and their career plans:

Colin Bakke	Custom Chopping/Family Farm	Lanesboro, MN
Mike Bueheit	Family Crop Farm	McGregor, IA
Jordan Buckbee	Family Dairy Farm	Lewiston, MN
Nick Duncanson	Herdsperson	Lewiston, MN
Andrew Ferden	Herdsperson	Utica, MN
Brent Fischer	Family Dairy Farm	Cumberland, WI
Brady Goetz	Family Dairy Farm	Stewartville, MN
Andy Graf	Manage Family Dairy Farm	Hokah, MN
Nathan Heim	Ag Cooperative	St. Charles, MN
Alana Heins	Dairy Industry/Family Farm	Eyota, MN
Andrew Hornberg	Herdsperson	Winona, MN
Sarah Imoehl	Organic Herdsperson	Castalia, IA
Aaron Lien	Family Dairy Farm	Calmar, IA
Chris Mack	Herdsperson/Beef Farm	Zumbrota, MN
Jason Matthias	Starting Dairy Farm	Sumner, IA
Amanda Meder	Transferring to Upper Iowa	Waukon, IA
Dustin Meirick	Beef Feedlot Herdsperson	Alta Vista, IA
Megan Meissen	Accountant-Reicks View	New Hampton, IA
Kourtney Meister	Four-Year Business Degree	Waverly, IA
Jake Mills	Dairy Farm Owner	Strawberry Point, IA
Emily Moses	Four-Year Animal Science Degree	St. Charles, MN
Jacob Nunnikhoven	Family Farm	Oskaloosa, IA
Kaitlyn Peterson	Organic Valley Intern	Peterson, MN
Brittany Pfister	Transfer to Iowa State-Ag Education	Fredericksburg, IA
Taylor Rauk	ABS Global	Decorah, IA
Courtney Reinhart	Dairy/Ag Business Double Major	Cresco, IA
Lucas Schmitt	Family Dairy Farm	Hawkeye, IA
Nicole Schulte	Ag Business Industry	Waukon, IA
Dillan Schumacher	Family Dairy Farm	Plainview, MN
Rachel Scott	Dairy/Ag Business Double Major	Westgate, IA
Jeffrey Sweeney	Family Ag Business	Waukon, IA
Alaina Van Westen	Family Farm	Steen, MN
Zach Vick	Nutrition/Feed Sales	Lewiston, MN
Matt White	Equipment Sales	Worthington, IA
Keela Weineke	Lely Robotics	Luverne, MN

AgriScience Banquet Awards

The banquet was held April 2nd on the NICC campus.

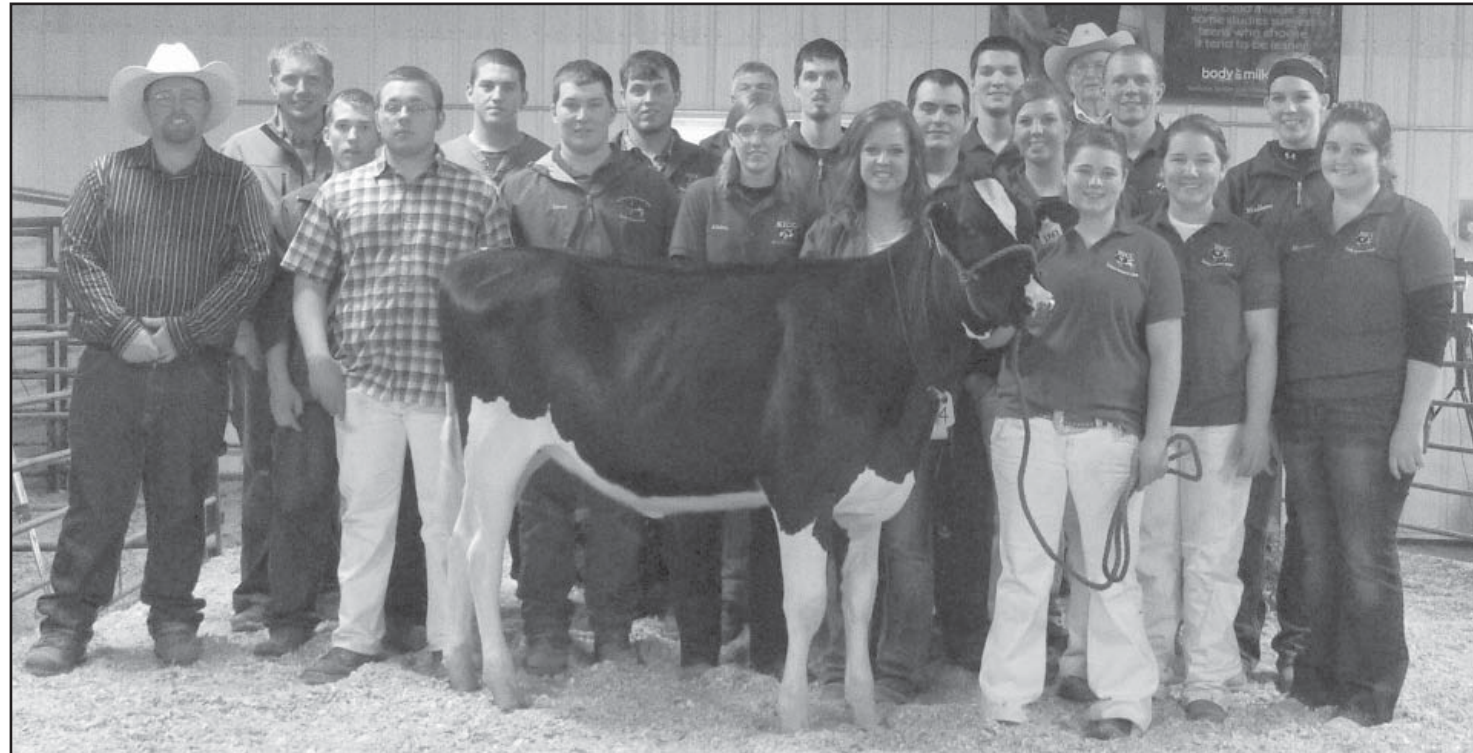
Outstanding Dairy Internship- Taylor Rauk
Outstanding Ag Internship- Nicole Schulte
Outstanding Dairy Science Student- Brady Goetz

Josh Evers Award- Chris Mack
Outstanding Alumni- Josh Corcoran
Dairy Friend of Distinction- Dick Horne

Dairy Science Student news

NICC Dairy Science Club Hosts Successful Sale

The Dairy Science Club had a very successful dairy sale on April 6th at the West Union fairgrounds. The cattle began arriving at the beginning of the week and club members worked hard to wash, clip and prepare the cattle for the preview and sale. The sale average was \$1,800; these funds will be used throughout the year for club activities.



The top lot was consigned by NICC alumni, Tony Kasper and sold for \$4,000 to the Larry Landsgard farm.



Dave Lawstuen presenting the Outstanding Dairy Internship to Taylor Rauk.



Devon Chrystal presenting the Outstanding Dairy Science Student award to Brady Goetz.

Best of luck to all of our graduates!

Jennifer Bentley New Hire at Dairy Foundation

The Dairy Foundation would like to welcome Jennifer Bentley as the new Animal Husbandry Manager/Herdsperson. Jenn's duties include managing all of the animals on the farm including the robotic herd, parlor cows and heifers. In addition she will be doing student instruction focusing on the robotic system technology.

Jenn grew up on a dairy farm in Mitchell County where her parents have expanded the dairy to 240 cows with the partnership of two brothers. She graduated from NICC and transferred to ISU graduating with a B.S. of Dairy Science Degree. In 2002, Jenn joined the ISU Research and Demonstration Farms as a Research Technician/Calf Manager at the Dairy Foundation. For seven and a half years she worked extensively with the calf and fresh cow program, as well as assisting in the day to day operation of the dairy farm. Jenn was also responsible for collection of data for research projects being conducted at the Dairy Foundation. While working with the ISU Research and Demonstration Farms, Jenn completed her Masters of Agriculture Degree from ISU in 2010. In 2010, Jenn worked as a Dairy Field Specialist with the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Service, delivering educational programs to dairy producers in Northeast Iowa.

Jenn and her husband, Noah live near Castalia with their son Owen (7) and daughter, Addison (4). She is looking forward to working with the Northeast Iowa



Community Based Foundation in her new role.

Jenn will be filling the position that has been open for over a year with some restructuring. Lynn Hageman's new job title is the Crop, Facility and Equipment Specialist, Rodney Ashbacher remains as the Parlor Technician and Aaron Hageman is still the Feeding/Beef Technician.

The foundation is thrilled to have Jenn come back to the Dairy Center; please help us in welcoming her!

NICC Dairy Center Offering Artificial Insemination Class

CALMAR- Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) is excited to offer an Artificial Insemination – Bovine class taught by Accelerated Genetics. The three day hands-on-class is an intensive learning experience for those who wish to AI their own cattle or gain experience to work for others.

Accelerated Genetics will bring support materials such as Breeding Betsy and an endoscope to view the cervix so that students can practice before they go to the barn. The course will cover all aspects of bovine reproduction, from anatomy and hormones, to heat detection. The students have actual insemination practice utilizing cattle from the Dairy Center. Upon successful completion, Accelerated Genetics will present a completion certificate.

The class meets Tuesday, December 10 through Thursday, December 12, 2013 from 9:00am – 3:00pm daily at the Dairy Center located on Highway 150 south of Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar. Registration (\$149) is very limited; call NICC at 800-728-2256, Ext. 399 to reserve your place in Artificial Insemination-Bovine #23647 or register online at www.nicc.edu/continuing. For more information, call Kyra Bellrichard at Ext. 380 or email bellrichardk@nicc.edu.

Coordinator Message - Megan Kregel

Thank you to everyone for coming to Breakfast on the Farm, the rain held off for the day and the turnout was fantastic! I would like to thank all of the sponsors from our breakfast for helping us in putting on a great community event:

2013 Breakfast on the Farm Sponsors

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Breakfast on the Farm Photos



Upcoming Events for Iowa's Dairy Center

Call 563-534-9957 if you are interested in learning more about any of these programs/events. A current calendar of events can be found at www.iowadairycenter.com.

July 11 - Minnesota Dept. of Ag Tour

July 16 - Tour

July 19 - Operations Committee Meeting, 10am

July 19 - Executive Committee Meeting, noon

July 24-25 - Purina Mills Training

July 30-31 - 4H Robotics

August 1 - Farmland Leasing Meeting

August 16 - Operations Committee Meeting, 10am

August 16 - Executive Committee Meeting, noon

August 22 - Fall Classes Begin

September 2 - Offices Closed

September 5 - Charter Bus Tour

September 12 - Tri-State Dairy Expo

September 20 - Operations Committee Mtng, 10am

September 20 - Board of Directors Meeting, noon

October 1-5 - World Dairy Expo

October 18 - Operations Committee Meeting, 10am

October 18 - Executive Committee Meeting, noon

