

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:

Allen Blasberg, Tripoli, Iowa
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Thank you to all of the supporters of the bus trip to World Dairy Expo!

If you are interested in learning more about making a tax-deductible contribution to the Dairy Foundation to strengthen the future of the dairy industry, or supporting us with a lifetime membership, please contact Megan at 563-534-9957, ext. 107 or email kregel@nicc.edu.

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Let us know!

Call 563-534-9957, email info@iowadairycenter.com or talk to a member of the executive board. Thanks!

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DAIRY CENTER Connection

News from the Northeast Iowa Community-Based Dairy Foundation



SUPREME INTERNATIONAL DONATES TMR EQUIPMENT TO IOWA'S DAIRY CENTER AND NICC

Supreme International, a feed mixing technology corporation headquartered in Canada, donated total mix ration (TMR) equipment to Iowa's Dairy Center for feeding its on-site 300-head dairy herd. The center, a fully-functioning dairy operation, is integrated into student curriculum for many NICC agriculture programs. The TMR donated by Supreme International is valued at approximately \$40,000 and will be replaced with a new unit every six months, at no cost to the center and NICC, according to David Lawstuen, NICC chair of dairy operations and agriculture faculty. "Supreme International's contribution speaks volumes about the strength of our partnerships, between Iowa's

Dairy Center, the Dairy Foundation, NICC and in the community," Lawstuen said. "Iowa's Dairy Center is very well known and has a high profile in the agriculture community, so Supreme International will also gain good promotion of its products, much in the same manner our partnership with Lely and Fitzgerald, Inc., has done with the Lely robotic milking system." Mike Sevcik, a product support/dealer development professional for Supreme International's Minnesota headquarters, views the installation of the TMR at the center as an opportunity to contribute to Iowa's Dairy Center and the local community. *Story continued on page 5.*



Northeast Iowa Community College students gather with Mike Sevcik, a product support/dealer development professional for Supreme International, Rich Klosterman, Dairy Foundation Farm Manager and Dave Lawstuen, NICC Chair of Dairy Operations, in front of the new TMR mixer donated by Supreme.

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A Word from the President - Phil Hemesath

As we enter the fall harvest season and approach Thanksgiving we do have much to be thankful for. Crop production is excellent with a few exceptions due to dry weather. The current dry period is, of course, very friendly for getting beans and corn out of the field as well as reducing drying costs. The mild weather has everyone in a positive mood.

Milk production at the Dairy Center continues to climb as the Holsteins are nearing the 32,000 pound rolling herd average (RHA) and reached the 1,200 pound mark for butterfat. The Jerseys have topped the 22,000 pound RHA and are near the 1,150 butterfat level. Unfortunately, the increased production cannot begin to offset the lower milk price when applied to net income. This continues to be a problem as we look for ways to fund much needed improvements.

Another piece of good news is the continued cooperation and support we are receiving from Dr. Wee and college as well as from Dr. Reimer and the Board of Trustees. I feel very confident that the Foundation will receive the support we require to maintain and grow this state-of-art facility in both leadership and finances.

I, personally, couldn't be more proud of how the staff of the Dairy Center has not only grown production, but has taken pride in the "curb appeal" of the grounds and the entire Dairy Center facilities. It can't help but create a very positive image to our visitors.



I will also extend a sincere welcome to David Dahms who is coming on board at the college as the successor to John Noel in the Vice President for Finance and Administration position. We will be looking forward to working with Dave as we move forward.

I will close by wishing everyone a safe harvest season and a mild winter.

NICC Students Represent Lely



At World Dairy Expo, a group of NICC students lead cattle for the dairy judging contests representing Lely and earned second place in showmanship. Congratulations to Andy Houdek, Summer Johnson, Chelsey Jensen, Ellis Frank, Carley Vinkemeier, and Joe Goedken. Students are pictured with Steve Fried, Lely Sales Manager for North America.

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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.



Top team of the Dairy Judging contest, including reasons, at Tri State Dairy Expo: Decorah FFA, Advisor Joni Bruvold, Bohden Bigler, Tye Anderson, Blake Courtney, and Brendan Lovstuen

Dairy Science Student news

NICC Students Compete in World Dairy Expo Judging

Four Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) students competed in the practical and traditional dairy judging competitions at World Dairy Expo Sept. 27 - 28. The NICC team placed third overall in the practical contest and sixth overall in the traditional contest, missing fifth place by one point.

Team members were: Bryon Franks, of St. Olaf; Austin Smith, of Hamburg, Minn.; Scott Stempfle, of Maynard; and Austin Vander Haak, of Lynden, Wash.

Other results:

6th individual in linear evaluation: Austin Vander Haak
Top team in registered heifers
2nd team in sire selection
5th team linear evaluation

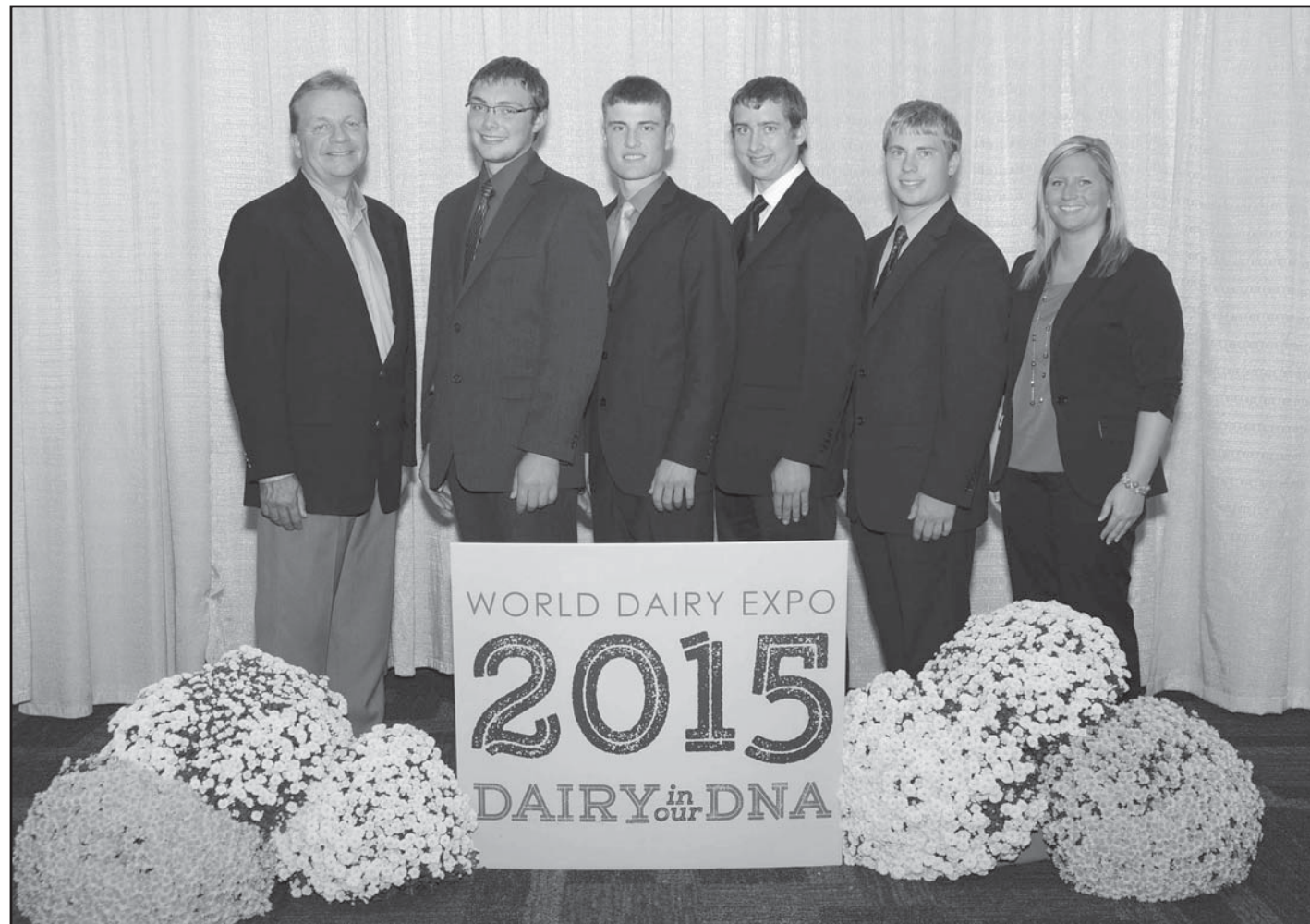
8th individual in Ayrshires: Austin Vander Haak

7th individual in Guernseys: Austin Vander Haak
4th team in Guernseys

4th individual in Jerseys: Scott Stempfle
2nd team in Jerseys

2nd individual in Milking Shorthorns: Austin Smith
4th team in Milking Shorthorns

All team members were very consistent placing within seven points of each other. The team was coached by Megan Kregel, Iowa's Dairy Center coordinator, and Dave Lawstuen, NICC chair of dairy operations.



NICC dairy judging team (left to right): Dave Lawstuen (coach), Bryon Franks, Austin Smith, Austin Vander Haak, Scott Stempfle, and Megan Kregel (coach).



MIDWEST DAIRY DAY Genomics 101: Putting Genomics to Work

Friday, December

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Iowa's Dairy Center | Calmar | 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE

10 - 10:30 a.m.

Check-in | Iowa's Dairy Center, Lobby

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

"Genomics: Calf to Cow"

Dan Weigel

Zoetis, Director of Outcomes Research

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Lunch

12:45 - 1:30 p.m.

"Applying Genomics in Your Herd"

Carla Stetzer

Accelerated Genetics, Regional Program Specialist

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Producer Panel

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ISU Extension and Outreach, the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation and Northeast Iowa Community College have collaborated to offer the annual Midwest Dairy Day. This program will provide you with in-depth information on the use and application of genomic technology. Midwest Dairy Day is open to all dairy producers, students and industry persons.

Dan Weigel from Zoetis, will discuss the practical use and performance of genomics including proven research and returns on investment. Following a hearty lunch, Carla Stetzer from Accelerated Genetics, will share current genomic data from the Dairy Foundation herd and how to interpret test results. The day will conclude with a panel of dairy producers utilizing genomics technology in both commercial and registered backgrounds.

This program is free of charge due to the generous support of local businesses.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, November 25

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Decorah FFA Tops Dairy Judging at Tri State Expo

Over 500 FFA members from 18 Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin high schools participated in the annual Tri State Dairy Expo held Sept. 17 at Iowa's Dairy Center in Calmar. The expo featured dairy judging and dairy products contests, and the Northeast District Dairy Judging and District Soils contests.

Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) Dairy Science Club and agriculture students helped with the preparation of cattle, contests and seminars.

In addition to a competition for students, the dairy expo features seminars on dairy and agricultural topics, which included linear scoring, giving reasons in a dairy cattle contest and how to judge a dairy cow. Iowa State University Dairy Science students presented the seminars.

Many businesses contributed to the expo, including Nelson Dairy Consultants, who continually donate all the plaques and ribbons for top scorers.

A board of directors representing several sectors of the dairy business organizes the dairy expo. The board members are: President Ron Lenth, Bremer County Extension; Vice President Roger Lenius, Swiss Valley Farms; Secretary-Treasurer Craig Morrison; LeRoy Messler, Wapsie Valley Creamery; Carrie Corlett, Dairy Farmers of America; Jim Kuenen, Associated Milk Producers; Randy Stephenson, Foremost Farms; Aaron Roemhild, Northeast Iowa Community College; Megan Kregel, Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation and Carrie Courtney, Winneshiek County Extension.

Competition results were as follows:

Dairy Judging with reasons

Top Individuals

1. Jessica Schmitt, South Winn
2. Cole Kruse, Maquoketa Valley
3. Tye Anderson, Decorah
4. Amanda Engelken, Maquoketa Valley
5. Heath Gibbs, Maquoketa Valley

Top Teams

1. Decorah FFA - Blake Courtney, Bohden Bigler, Tye Anderson, Brendan Lovstuen
2. Maquoketa Valley – Amanda Engelken, Jackie Ehrlich, Cole Kruse
3. Maquoketa Valley – Nick Bagge, Heath Gibbs, Ryan Goedken

Dairy Judging without reasons

Top Individuals

1. Duane Heim, Western Dubuque
2. Seth Brehm, Oelwein
3. Lani Alber, Oelwein
4. Zach Wegner, Oelwein
5. Andy Lilligraven, Decorah

Top Teams

1. Oelwein - Olivia Kunkle, Lani Alber, Hailey Schulmeister, Jaida Houge
2. Oelwein - Holden Bentley, Ername da Silva, Tyler Bentley, Zach Wegner
3. Decorah – Logan Wales, Tanner Knutson, Mason Stortz, Chase Hubka

Dairy Products Contest

Top Individuals

1. Nathan Arthur, Sumner-Fredericksburg
2. Alyssa Swela, Sumner-Fredericksburg
3. Lyndsey, Sumner-Fredericksburg
4. Liz Smith, Decorah
5. Sam Stover, Waverly Shellrock

Top Teams

1. Sumner Fredericksburg – Alyssa Swela, Morgan Price, Lyndsey Meyer, Nathan Arthur
2. Decorah – Katey Forde, Liz Smith, Kirstyn Samuelson
3. Prairie du Chien – Keegan Eberling, Emily Stegee, Carly Cole, Joleen Thornton

Milk Evaluation

1. Liz Smith, Decorah
2. Cole Spain, Postville

Real vs. Imitation

1. Alyssa Swela, Sumner-Fredericksburg
2. Lyndsey Meyer, Sumner-Fredericksburg

District FFA Dairy Judging

Top Individuals

1. Jessica Schmitt, South Winn
2. Amanda Engelken, Maquoketa Valley
3. Cole Kruse, Maquoketa Valley
4. Rachel Grober, New Hampton
5. Nick Bagge, Maquoketa Valley

Top Teams

1. Maquoketa Valley 1
2. Maquoketa Valley 2
3. Wapsie Valley

District FFA Soils Contest

Top Individuals

1. Brian Hoffman, Oelwein
2. Ben Hoffman, Oelwein
3. Blake Rochleau, Elkader
4. Alec Marticoff, Wapsie Valley
5. Kelly Dietbenbach, Crestwood

Top Teams

1. Oelwein
2. La Porte-Dysart
3. Wapsie Valley

Supreme continued...

“Supreme International is excited about the opportunity to work with Northeast Iowa Community College, and we are dedicated to help educate the future farmers that enter the dairy and agriculture programs,” Sevcik said. A TMR is a method of feeding cows that combines all forages, grains, protein feeds, minerals, vitamins and feed additives formulated to a specified nutrient concentration into a single feed mix. The TMR or complete ration mix is then offered free choice for dairy cattle. More information on Iowa's Dairy Center is available at www.iowadairycenter.com.

Artificial Insemination - Bovine

This is a three-day, intensive hands-on class for those who wish to AI their own cattle or gain experience to work for others. The class will cover all aspects of bovine reproduction, from anatomy and hormones to heat detection. Support materials such as a “Breeding Betsy” and an endoscope will be available for practice before going to the barn. Students have actual insemination practice on cattle at Iowa's Dairy Center. Seating is limited and preregistration is required.

Instructed by Accelerated Genetics.

Class # 42086

1/5/2016-1/7/2016, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Cost: \$149

Iowa's Dairy Center, Calmar, Room 115

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ISDA to Hold Policy Meetings

Producers are invited to help draft policy for the Iowa State Dairy Association (ISDA). Please mark your calendar for one of the following meetings:

• **Friday, October 30**, from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Iowa Dairy Center, Robotics Conference Room, 1527 IA-150, Calmar. Will also feature guest speaker Melissa O'Rourke from the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach speaking about legal issues related to farm employment.

• **Tuesday, November 3**, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Hansen Agriculture Learning Center, Farmhouse Fraternity Classroom, 2515 Mortensen Road, Ames. Will also feature guest speaker Doug Bear of the Iowa Beef Industry Council discussing the beef checkoff and quality assurance programs.

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.

October 30 – ISDA Policy Meeting @ Calmar

November 3 – Dairy Advisory Meeting

November 9 – ISU Market Ready Workshop

November 11 – WinField Meeting

November 16 – Ag Advisory Meeting

November 18 – Pioneer Meeting

November 18 – Large Animal Vet Tech Advisory Mtng

November 18 – ISU Extension Regional Council Mtng

November 20 - Operations/Executive Committee Mtngs

November 26-27- Campus Closed

November 28 – Tour

December 4 – Midwest Dairy Day: Genomics 101

December 17 – Pesticide Applicator Training

December 18 - Operations/Full BOD Meetings

December 24-January 3 – Campus Closed

January 11 – Spring Term Begins

March 7-11 – Spring Break

• **Thursday, November 19**, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the ISU Sioux County Extension office, 400 Central Ave. NW, Suite 700, Orange City. Doug Bear will also be speaking at this meeting.

Lunch will be provided at all meetings, please RSVP to Sue Ann at 515.965.4626 or sueannc@iowadairy.org.

Attendees will review current policy and proposed resolutions and draft new resolutions that will affect the 2016 legislative session. You may review current ISDA policy prior to the meeting by visiting the ISDA website www.iowadairy.org.

Final voting on resolutions will take place at ISDA's annual meeting in Waverly held on January 8. If you are unable to attend the policy drafting meeting but would like to submit policy comments, you may contact Sue Ann Claudon. All policy comments must be received by Wednesday, November 25, 2015.