

July 2018



The Dairy Center Connection

NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST IOWA DAIRY FOUNDATION



Hi, there!

Welcome to the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation's July e-newsletter. Our coordinator, Mariah Schmitt, has done a fantastic job of converting us from a quarterly hard-copy newsletter to a digital format that will allow us to communicate to members and friends on a monthly basis.

Iowa's Dairy Center was founded in 2000 with the mission of dairy education. Our plan is to provide monthly updates on the educational activities at Iowa's Dairy Center, whether it pertain to our 50 students studying dairy science, 1,000 elementary students learning through Iowa's Dairy Story, 10,000 consumers visiting annually to observe modern dairy farming or the 700 producer and industry membership we serve.

I encourage you to include a visit to Iowa's Dairy Center in your summer travel plans.

Dave Lawstuen
Chair, Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation



What's Happening at Iowa's Dairy Center

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds Visits Dairy Center

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds visited Iowa's Dairy Center on Friday, June 22. Governor Reynolds signed the proclamation to declare June as dairy month in Iowa. She also toured the facilities and discussed the importance of Iowa's dairy community. The visit was planned in partnership with Midwest Dairy and Northeast Iowa Community College. [View photos.](#)

Record Attendance at Breakfast on the Farm

After a rainy week, the weather was perfect for the 9th Annual Breakfast on the Farm which was held at Iowa's Dairy Center on Saturday, June 23. More than 1,500 people enjoyed a wholesome breakfast and fun on the farm. New additions to this year's Breakfast on the Farm were Yoga and Yogurt and Story Time with the Dairy Princess sessions and adding the NICC Beef Center to the farm's guided tram tour route. Breakfast on the Farm couldn't have been made a success without the supporters and volunteers. Mark your calendars for June 22, 2019 for the 10th Annual Breakfast on the Farm! [View photos.](#)

Register for Fall Artificial Insemination Training

November 13-15 | Iowa's Dairy Center

This is a three-day, intensive hands-on class for those who wish to artificially inseminate 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 will have actual insemination practice on cattle at the Dairy Center. The minimum age requirement for this class is 16. This class is taught by Select Sires.



NICC News

Students in Midst of Summer Internships

Though they aren't in the classroom this summer, NICC dairy science technology students are still taking advantage of learning opportunities through internships. Students can be found all over the Midwest completing their internships on dairy farms, at veterinary clinics and other agriculture companies. Check out our [Facebook album](#) for internship features throughout the summer.

Class Project Comes to Life

Students in last fall's animal genetics class are finally able to see the outcome of their work after evaluating, mating, flushing and transferring embryos from Wake-Up Star Irish 310, a heifer which was purchased at the 2017 NICC Dairy Club Sale. Four heifer calves, named Idaho, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, were all born within the last month.

Don't Wait, Continue Your Education Today!

Thinking about furthering your education? There's still time to apply! Fall semester begins Wednesday, August 22. For more information, contact [NICC Admissions](#).



Dairy Profile: Lance Schutte

NICC dairy science alum, Lance Schutte, farms near Luana with his wife, Jonna, and their four kids. The Schutte family owns Jo-Lane Dairy and were recently highlighted in the Dairy Star for their double feature of breeds: Brown Swiss and Holstein. They welcomed visitors from National Brown Swiss Convention to their farm in June. [Read more.](#)

Industry News

The ISU Dairy Extension Team is offering a webinar series to address handling stress on dairy farms. [Read more.](#)

Registration is now open for the Dairy Experience Forum held July 24-26 in Bloomington, Minn. [Read more.](#)

Sign up for the "Treat Me Right" summer management tour hosted by the 1-29 Moo University. [Read more.](#)

Mark your calendars for the 2018 NW Iowa Corn Silage Clinic. [Read more.](#)

Calendar of Events

Visit our [website](#) to see all upcoming events and continuing education courses.

Dairy Foundation Operations/Exec Committee Meetings

July 27 | 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

NICC Fall Semester Begins

August 22



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