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The Dairy Center Connection

NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST IOWA DAIRY FOUNDATION



Hi, there!

From the cool weather to harvest and football games, I love everything about fall. For me, one of the best parts of the season is dairy judging. Dairy judging was a highlight of my college career at Iowa State because I learned decision making and communication skills, traveled across the country and found some of my lifelong best friends. I'm so glad I am able to continue my passion as the coach of the NICC Dairy Judging team. This year, we have eight tremendous first- and second-year students who are just as excited about dairy judging as I am. Together, we've been busy traveling to local farms for practices and working hard on improving reasons. The second-year students had their first contest on Sunday (results below) and before we know it they'll be judging on the colored shavings at World Dairy Expo. I've enjoyed watching the students grow both as individuals and as a team while gaining skills and friendships they will carry with them the rest of their life.

I hope that you are enjoying fall just as much as I am and wish everyone a safe, bountiful harvest season.

Mariah Schmitt
Coordinator, Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation



What's Happening at Iowa's Dairy Center

Cuba City FFA, Prairie du Chien FFA, Lansing FFA Top Tri-State Dairy Ag and Expo Contests

Nearly 350 FFA members from 26 Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin high schools participated in the annual Tri-State Ag and Dairy Expo held on Thursday, Sept. 13, at Iowa's Dairy Center in Calmar. The expo featured dairy judging and dairy products contests where students enhanced their evaluation skills on dairy cattle and products. [Read more.](#) [View photos.](#) [View complete results.](#)

New Faces at the Foundation

The Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation is pleased to welcome Amy Baumler of St. Lucas, Iowa, and Jodie Mumm of Bloomington, Wis., to the dairy herd management team. Amy, who was named an Assistant Dairy Herdperson, is a graduate of the Dairy Science program at Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) and brings over 20 years of caring for dairy cattle. Her main responsibilities at the Dairy Center include managing the parlor herd and transition cows. Jodie, who was also named an Assistant Dairy Herdperson, is a graduate of the Beef Science program at NICC and worked on a large dairy throughout college. Jodie's responsibilities include calf management and assisting with the general care of herd. Together, they join the team of Gary Lien and Jon Meyer.

Hop on the Bus to World Dairy Expo

Make plans to join the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation for a one-day bus trip to World Dairy Expo on Friday, Oct. 5. Bus will depart from Iowa's Dairy Center at 6 am and return at 8:30 pm. Pick up locations will be in Postville and Prairie du Chien, Wis. Cost to attend is \$25 for lifetime Dairy Foundation members and \$50 for non-members. To register, contact Mariah at (563) 534-9957 ext. 107 or email schmittma@nicc.edu. [Read more.](#)



NICC News

Dairy Science Program Attracts Students From Coast to Coast

From Pennsylvania to Washington, the Dairy Science Technology program at Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) is attracting students from all over the United States. NICC is pleased to welcome 18 new students to the program who began their studies on Wednesday, Aug. 22. Students have been busy not only in classes and in labs, but joining clubs and participating in campus activities.

Dairy Judging Team Places Fourth at Accelerated Genetics/East Central Select Sires Contest

The NICC Dairy Judging Team competed at its first contest of the year at the Accelerated Genetics/East Central Select Sires Contest held on Sept. 16 in Viroqua, Wis. The team consisting of Jacob Hornberg, Winona, Minn.; Hayley Jackson, Frankfort, Ind.; and Derek Utecht, Woodville, Wis. placed fourth overall while Derek was named sixth place individual overall followed by Jacob in tenth place. [Read more.](#)

Dairy Science Club Provides Learning Opportunities for the Community

The NICC Dairy Science Club has had a busy start to the semester helping to provide learning opportunities for the community. On Sept. 6, members brought calves to the NICC annual Fall Fest celebration. Students interacted with the public, allowing attendees the chance to pet calves. A week later, Sept. 13, students assisted with the Tri-State Dairy Expo which hosted approximately 350 FFA students from the Tri-State area. From training, clipping and leading cows in the dairy judging contest, to helping with the dairy foods contest and even running the Moo Mobile, the students were an essential part in the success of the event. [View photo.](#)

You're Invited to the Agriculture Career Fair

The agriculture faculty at NICC invite you to the annual Agriculture Career Fair. Approximately 100 first- and second-year students from the following majors will be in attendance: Ag Business, Ag Finance, Ag Production, Beef Science and Dairy Science. The career fair will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 9-11 a.m. Set up can begin at 8:15 a.m. Each employer will be provided a 2x4 table. There is no cost to attend and a complimentary continental breakfast will be available for the employers.



Dairy Profile: Randi Wingert

NICC Dairy Science graduate Randi Wingert of Harmony, Minn. and her family were recently featured in the Dairy Star on balancing life between a dairy farm, seven kids and the county fair. [Read more.](#)

Industry News

World Dairy Expo enters The Next Frontier. [Read more.](#)

Save the date for the Minnesota Milk Dairy Conference & Expo. [Read more.](#)

Calendar of Events

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

Dairy Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

Sept. 28 | 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

World Dairy Expo

Oct. 2-6 | Coliseum Booth 29tt | Madison, Wis.

World Dairy Expo Bus Trip

Oct. 5 | 6 a.m.-8:30 p.m. | Madison, Wis.

Ag and Animal Sciences Program Visit Day

Oct. 12 | 10 a.m. | Calmar Campus

NICC Agriculture Career Fair

Oct. 24 | 9-11 a.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

Artificial Insemination Class

Nov. 13-15 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

