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# The Dairy Center Connection

NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST IOWA DAIRY FOUNDATION



Hi, there!

No tricks, just treats! As we begin to wrap up October and head into the final months of 2019, I encourage you to take a look at the producer and industry educational opportunities we have coming up at Iowa's Dairy Center. We will be hosting a bovine artificial insemination class in November teaching skills to breed cattle. Additionally, the annual Midwest Dairy & Beef Day will be held in December and will hone in on enhancing value of dairy steers and touch on topics from breeding to feeding. Additional details on these events can be found below. Now's your time to finish 2019 strong and add a skill or two to your Halloween treat bag!

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## What's Happening at Iowa's Dairy Center

### Dairy Enthusiasts Enjoy Trip to World Dairy Expo

On Friday, Oct. 4, the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation hosted the annual one-day bus trip to World Dairy Expo for dairy farmers and industry persons. The group enjoyed attending seminars, the trade show, dairy cattle shows and more. This year's trip featured an optional bonus tour of the Dairy Cattle Center and ice cream at Babcock Dairy Hall on UW-Madison's campus. Special thanks to trip leader Dale Thoreson and the industry supporters who made the trip possible.

### Register for Fall Artificial Insemination Training

Nov. 5-7 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

This is a three-day 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. Students have actual insemination practice on cattle at Iowa's Dairy Center. The minimum age requirement for this class is 16. The class is taught by Select Sires. [Register](#).

### Save the Date: Midwest Dairy & Beef Day

Dec. 13 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation and Northeast Iowa Community College collaborate to offer the annual Midwest Dairy & Beef Day. This year's event will discuss opportunities and challenges to adding value to dairy calves and dairy beef cross calves. Producers will also share their experiences from feeding to breeding during a panel discussion. Midwest Dairy & Beef Day is open to all beef producers, dairy producers, students and industry persons. This program is generously supported by local businesses and is free of charge for participants. Please register by December 5 to reserve your seat. [Register](#).

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## NICC News

### Dairy Science Students Place First in Practical Contest at World Dairy Expo

The Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) Dairy Judging Team won the International Post-Secondary Practical Contest at World Dairy Expo held Sept. 30 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wis. Dairy Science Technology students competing on the Dairy Judging Team included: Brandon Gilbertson, Elk Mound, Wis.; Derek Littrel, Deer Park, Wash.; Austin Raymond, New Richmond, Wis.; and Collin Wille, Rice Lake, Wis. The team won the Practical Contest and placed third in the International Post-Secondary Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. Placing in the top three of the Dairy Cattle Judging Contest qualifies the team to compete in Scotland, and this is the third time in four years an NICC team has won the Practical Contest. [Read more.](#)

### Students Take Annual Trip to World Dairy Expo

NICC Dairy Science Club members ventured on their annual four-day trip to World Dairy Expo, visiting several farms and businesses along the way. On the trip, students learned about many different aspects of the dairy industry. Stops included [Hendel Farms](#), [Johnson's Rolling Acres](#), [Rein Dairy](#), [Daley Farms](#), [Metz's Hart-Land Creamery](#), [Kwik Trip Bottling Plant](#), [Select Sires Production Center](#), [Woodhill Farms](#), and the [U.S. Dairy Forage Research Center](#). Thank you to all who welcomed the club to their farms and facilities.

### 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. 30, 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. [Read more.](#)

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## Dairy Profile: Emma Moser

NICC Dairy Science alum Emma Moser, along with parents Rodney and Polly Metzger and their family, were featured in the Dairy Star with their cow, Summetz Stephan Fence Fanny. Fanny, a 17-year-old Jersey cow, has had 15 calves and is scored Excellent 94 points on top of producing 271,884 pounds of milk, 11,964 pounds of butter fat and 9,675 pounds of protein in a span of 4,571 days of production. [Read more.](#)

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## Industry News

Tri-State Agricultural Lender's Seminar set for October 24. [Read more.](#)

The Iowa Finance Authority will host a free opportunity to learn more about USDA-FAS and the beginning farmer programs. The event will be held at Iowa's Dairy Center on Wednesday, Oct. 30. [Register.](#)

Agenda, registration and conference information is now available for the Central Plains Dairy Women's Conference, Nov. 5-6 in Bloomington, Minn. [Read more.](#)

Registration is now open for the Iowa State Dairy Association Annual Meeting, Dec. 4-5 in Ames. [Read more.](#)

USDA Opens 2020 Enrollment for Dairy Margin Coverage Program. [Read more.](#)

I-29 Moo University is pleased to offer a California Dairy Tours & World Ag Expo trip February 9-13, 2020 in the Fresno/Tulare areas. California dairy farms, agriculture and local sites will be toured and a day will be spent at World Ag Expo. [Read more.](#)

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## Calendar of Events

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

### **Dairy Foundation Exec Committee Meeting**

Oct. 25 | 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

### **[NICC Agriculture Career Fair](#)**

Oct. 30 | 9-11 a.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

### **[Artificial Insemination Course](#)**

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