

December 2018



The Dairy Center Connection

NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST IOWA DAIRY FOUNDATION



Hi, there!

The holidays are all about traditions and it's no different here at Iowa's Dairy Center and Northeast Iowa Community College. One of our favorite holiday traditions is hosting an annual soup luncheon. It started as a potluck for staff, but evolved this year as a luncheon for students. Each agriculture faculty and staff member brought in a pot of their favorite soup and students were given a bowl to sample as many soups as they like. It was simple, but a nice way to end the semester and send the students into finals with a positive feeling. This year, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on your holiday traditions, or even start a new one, and remember what the season is truly about.

From all of us at Iowa's Dairy Center, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Dave Lawstuen
Chair, Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation



What's Happening at Iowa's Dairy Center

Advanced Calving Clinic Draws a Large Audience

Over 70 dairy and beef farmers, students and industry members attended Midwest Dairy Day, an annual event hosted in partnership between the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and Northeast Iowa Community College. This year's theme was an Advanced Calving Clinic and attendees enjoyed the variety of sessions ranging from neonatal calf care to handling dystocia with the life-sized calving simulator. The program was offered at no charge thanks to generous support from local businesses. [View photos.](#)

Iowa's Dairy Center is Open During the Holidays

Bring your family, friends and out of town guests to Iowa's Dairy Center this holiday season. Though the main building will be closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 1, the parlor and robotic milking viewing areas will be open for public access 24/7. Iowa's Dairy Center is an excellent attraction for visitors of all ages! [Read more.](#)

Take a Self-Guided Tour at Iowa's Dairy Center

Iowa's Dairy Center introduced a brochure to enhance the experience for visitors who wish to take a self-guided tour of the center. The brochure aids in helping visitors find the attractions at Iowa's Dairy Center in addition to sharing information and facts about each stop. The brochure is available on our website. [View brochure.](#)



NICC News

Speakers Give Industry Perspective to Students

A variety of speakers visited NICC agriscience students throughout the fall semester present on a range of topics. Speakers from Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin (PDPW), Postville Vet Clinic, Zoetis and Select Sires presented on a plethora of topics including PDPW's dairy mentorship program, proper vaccine administration, collecting tissue samples for genomic testing and the evolution of dairy genetics. Dr. Bill Mahanna (pictured above), Global Nutritionist for Pioneer, discussed corn silage management with the students. Industry speakers are an important educational component to providing a new perspective for students.

Becca Hermann Wraps up Year as an Iowa Dairy Ambassador

NICC Dairy Science Technology student Becca Hermann of Manchester, Iowa, is wrapping up her year as an Iowa Dairy Ambassador. The Iowa Dairy Ambassador Program, launched by Midwest Dairy, is a leadership opportunity for students interested in dairy. Dairy Ambassadors have the opportunity to connect with consumers and share their dairy story while networking with their peers and industry professionals. Becca shared her knowledge and passion at over 30 events throughout the year, including Breakfast on the Farm, the Iowa State Fair and much more. Great job, Becca, on representing Iowa's dairy community. [Learn more.](#)

Save the Date: 13th Annual NICC Dairy Science Club Sale

The NICC Dairy Science Club will be hosting their annual sale on Saturday, Apr. 6 at the Howard County Fairgrounds in Cresco, Iowa. Be sure to follow the [NICC Dairy Science Club](#) Facebook page for updates.



Dairy Profile: Justin Anderson

Justin Anderson and his wife, Molly, of Riceville, Iowa, were recently featured in the Dairy Star. They milk 50 Holsteins in a stanchion barn and have been able to sustain the farm with patience and precise planning. Justin is a graduate of the Dairy Science Technology program at Northeast Iowa Community College. [Read more.](#)

Industry News

Farm Bill Implications for Dairy Producers: Free webinar will be held on Dec. 27 to highlight changes in the new farm bill. [Read more.](#)

The Visit Iowa Farms Program will be putting on 3 Safety and Health Best Practices Workshops across the state. [Read more.](#)

The Iowa State Extension and Outreach Dairy Team announced dates, topics and locations for 2019 Dairy Days. [Read more.](#)

Dustin Takes of Takes Dairy Farm in Iowa has been named the winner of Lely's prestigious The Way to Dairy Award. [Read more.](#)

Make your voice heard. Renew your membership or become a member with Iowa State Dairy Association. [Read more.](#)

Calendar of Events

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Dairy Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

Dec. 21 | 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

Campus Closed

Dec. 24-Jan. 1 | Northeast Iowa Community College



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