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The Dairy Center Connection

NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST IOWA DAIRY FOUNDATION



Hi, there!

We're excited to kick off the first edition of the Dairy Center Connection e-newsletter. Moving from a quarterly print newsletter to a monthly e-newsletter allows us to efficiently share happenings at Iowa's Dairy Center with you. From events and programs to news and updates, this newsletter will be your go-to resource for everything happening at Iowa's Dairy Center.

Currently we're in the midst of tourism season where we anticipate the majority of our 10,000 visitors to stop by this summer. As a center for tourism and public education, we encourage you to bring family and friends for hands-on, interactive dairy education. The viewing areas where you can watch robots milk cows in the parlor are open 24-hours per day. Guided [tours](#) of Iowa's Dairy Center can be arranged during the week.

Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for all of the latest updates. From all of us at the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation, we wish you safe and prosperous growing season.

Mariah Schmitt
Coordinator, Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation



What's Happening at Iowa's Dairy Center

9th Annual [Breakfast on the Farm](#)

Saturday, June 23 | 8:30 a.m. – Noon

Enjoy a wholesome dairy-filled breakfast, guided tram tours and fun for all ages on the farm. We hope to see you there!

Senator Joni Ernst Visits Iowa's Dairy Center

Senator Joni Ernst visited Iowa's Dairy Center on Friday, May 4 as part of her 99-county tour. Ernst said, "I was very impressed with the center and its operation. I grew up on a livestock farm, but I am aware of the challenges that face dairy farmers as well as all in the dairy industry. As I am sure most of you know, I, along with Senator (Chuck) Grassley, serve on the Senate Agriculture Committee and, as a member, I try to look at ways to help with rural development ideas and trade issues in the dairy industry." [View photos.](#)

Iowa's Dairy Story Connects 1,000+ Elementary Students to Dairy

This spring, we welcomed more than 1,000 elementary students from nearly 25 northeast Iowa schools for the [Iowa's Dairy Story](#) program. Students learned about dairy nutrition, history, the digestive system of a cow, toured the farm and made homemade ice cream. The Dairy Foundation's strong partnership with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach makes this program possible for students to enjoy every year.



NICC News

Dairy Science Club Hosts Successful Sale

Despite a snowstorm, the 12th Annual Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) Dairy Science Club Sale was a success! The sale averaged \$1,435 on all live lots with the high seller being Lot 15, Hartford Lucky P 830-RED ET, at \$4,500. The Club would like to thank buyers, supporters and consignors for making the annual sale possible.

Honors Presented at AgriScience Awards Ceremony

The annual AgriScience Awards Ceremony recognizes NICC students, alumni and friends for their accomplishments. Congratulations to all of the award winners and graduates! [View results and photos.](#)

Students Excel at National PAS

NICC agriculture students competed at the National Post-Secondary Agricultural Student (PAS) contest held in Louisville, Ky. NICC teams placed in the Top 10 in dairy, beef, equine and general livestock contests. [View results and photos.](#)



Dairy Profile: Tim Huhe

Tim Huhe, dairy farmer near Cresco, Iowa, currently serves as the president of the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation. Tim's family was recently honored with the 135th Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award. The Huhe's environmental stewardship, animal husbandry practices and community involvement were highlighted at the award ceremony.

[Read more.](#)

Industry News

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will help host the Iowa-Wisconsin Silage Conference on June 21 in Dubuque. [Read more.](#)

Dairy Iowa Meeting Set for June 23 at Iowa's Dairy Center. [Read more.](#)

Join Western Iowa Dairy Alliance for the 11th Annual June National Dairy Month Open House at Summit Farms, Inc. in Lester, Iowa. [Read more.](#)

Candidates sought for Iowa Dairy Princess. [Read more.](#)

Calendar of Events

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

Progressive Agriculture Safety Day

June 14 | 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

Dairy Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

June 15 | 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

Breakfast on the Farm

June 23 | 8 a.m.-Noon | Iowa's Dairy Center

Dairy Iowa Meeting

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