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The Dairy Center Connection

NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST IOWA DAIRY FOUNDATION



Hi, there!

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays because it reminds us to take a step back and reflect on all of our blessings. For me, I am so thankful for the dairy community and the support Iowa's Dairy Center receives from our partners, farmer members and visitors. Together, we have accomplished so many things this year that helped us fulfill our mission. From record-breaking attendance at Breakfast on the Farm to launching a new website and e-newsletter, this year has been a success. Thank you for being a part of Iowa's Dairy Center and I'm looking forward to all of the things we will accomplish together next year. What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?

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What's Happening at Iowa's Dairy Center

Join the 10 Gallon Challenge!

Even though milk is one of the most requested items, it's difficult for food banks to meet the demand. The Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation was nominated by the Iowa State University Dairy Extension Team to participate in the 10 Gallon Challenge. The challenge is an effort to help move milk off store shelves to not only help struggling dairy farmers, but to also provide food for local families in need. We encourage you to take the challenge, too! Find your local [food bank](#) at or donate online at [Milk Life](#).

Midwest Dairy Day: Advanced Calving Clinic for Dairy and Beef

Thursday, Dec. 6 | 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation and Northeast Iowa Community College collaborate to offer the annual Midwest Dairy Day. This year's event will provide an array of sessions on advanced calving, including a unique opportunity for a hands-on experience with a life-sized cow model. Participants choose to attend one of two different blocks of sessions: one block focuses on dairy cows and the other block focuses on beef cows. Midwest Dairy Day is open to all dairy and beef producers, students and industry persons. [Read more](#).

[Register for Dairy](#)

[Register for Beef](#)

Iowa's Dairy Center Hosts Successful Artificial Insemination Course

Thank you to our friends at Northeast Iowa Community College Business and Community Solutions and Prairie State/Select Sires for planning and teaching another successful bovine artificial insemination course at Iowa's Dairy Center. Did you miss out on the course this fall? Watch for additional offerings next spring. [View photos](#).



NICC News

Dairy and Beef Science Students Earn Certification in Artificial Insemination

As part of their program requirements, second-year Dairy and Beef Science Technology students earned their certification in bovine artificial insemination (A.I.) from Prairie State/Select Sires. This valuable skill allows them to breed cattle and prepares them for a potential career in the A.I. industry.

NICC Dairy Judging Places 5th at NAILE

The NICC Dairy Judging team recently traveled to Louisville, Ky. for the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). The team consisting of first-year students Brandon Gilbertson, Elk Mound, Wis.; Derek Littrel, Deer Park, Wash.; Austin Raymond, New Richmond, Wis.; and Collin Wille, Rice Lake, Wis. placed fifth in the post-secondary division of the contest. Congratulations to the team on their success at their first collegiate dairy judging contest. [Read more.](#)

Students and Alumni Receive American FFA Degree

Five NICC students and received their American Degree at the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis, Ind. Current agriculture students [Rachel Fick, Becca Hermann and Heather Apenhorst](#) along with alumni [Thomas Lehmann and Nick Bagge](#) were among the 2% of FFA members to earn this degree. The American Degree is the highest award an FFA member can receive and is earned by meeting several qualifications including completing a secondary instruction in an agricultural education program, community service, leadership abilities and outstanding scholastic achievement.



Dairy Profile: Alumni Spotlight

We enjoyed reconnecting with the Northeast Iowa Community College Dairy Science Technology alumni who stopped by the Dairy Foundation's booth at World Dairy Expo and hearing about the exciting things they're accomplishing. Pictured is Ryan Moellers of KDS Dairy, a 900-cow dairy near Cresco, Iowa. Ryan is pictured with two of his children. [Read more.](#)

Industry News

The 2018 Iowa State Dairy Association Annual Meeting will be held on December 5-6, 2018 at the Quality Inn & Suites in Ames, Iowa. [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 and locations for 2019 Dairy Days. [Read more.](#)

Mexican tariffs blamed in the demise of 80 Iowa dairy farms this year. [Read more.](#)

The family that brought the Iowa State Fair's famous butter cow to life for nearly 50 years is getting out of dairy farming as low milk prices take their toll on farmers. [Read more.](#)

The Clayton County Dairy Promotion Committee has pledged to donate 24 gallons of milk every week to the Clayton County Food Shelf. [Read more.](#)

Calendar of Events

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

Campus Closed

Nov. 22-23 | Northeast Iowa Community College

Registration Deadline for Midwest Dairy Day

Nov. 28

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Dec. 6 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center



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