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The Dairy Center Connection

NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST IOWA DAIRY FOUNDATION



Hi, there!

Yesterday morning's light dusting of snow brought a holiday feel to Iowa's Dairy Center. As we wrap up 2019, I can't help but contain my excitement for 2020. This year is going to be an important one for the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation as we celebrate 20 years as an organization. We have some big things planned for the upcoming year and I am excited to watch it all unfold. We are so grateful for our farmer leadership, industry partners and support from our peers in agriculture who have made 20 great years possible and we're looking forward to many more.

From all of us at the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation, have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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What's Happening at Iowa's Dairy Center

NICC Beef Center Features Educational Graphics

Have you visited the Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) Beef Center recently? In June, NICC and the Iowa Beef Industry Council unveiled newly installed educational graphics. The graphics help visitors explore how beef gets from pasture to plate and highlights several Iowa beef farmers that contribute to the beef lifecycle. [Read more.](#)

Midwest Dairy & Beef Day Topics Spark Interest from Dairy and Beef Producers

The annual Midwest Dairy & Beef Day was held last Friday at Iowa's Dairy Center with over 30 people in attendance. Presenters focused on the timely topic of enhancing value of dairy beef. Sessions featured information on understanding the market, breeding for quality and consistency, implant strategies, genomics and a producer panel. This event is a collaborative effort between the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation, Iowa State University and Northeast Iowa Community College and is made possible from industry supporters.

Dates Set for Spring Artificial Insemination Class

March 17-19 | 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.](#)



NICC Students Enjoy Soup Luncheon

In preparation for finals week, NICC agriculture and science faculty and staff provided a soup luncheon for students at the Dairy Center. Students enjoyed trying the variety of soups and each other's company.

Do You Have our New Number?

NICC has recently switched to a new phone system that allows you to call and reach either of our campuses or centers with just one phone number. To reach us, dial [844.NICC.EDU](tel:844.NICC.EDU), or [844.642.2338](tel:844.642.2338).

Explore Your Options at NICC

Check out what NICC has to offer by scheduling a visit to campus. We offer campus tours to meet the needs of all visitors. Tours are designed for prospective students, education groups, specific interest areas and the drop-in guest. Find the tour that's perfect for you. [Learn more.](#)



Dairy Profile: Aaron Schatz

From managing a dairy farm, custom chopping business and a restaurant, the Schatzes make it all work. NICC alum Aaron Schatz of Cresco was recently featured in the Dairy Star with his wife Melissa. Together with Aaron's father, Tom, own a 240-cow dairy and custom chopping business in addition to Melissa's restaurant, Sue-Z-Q's. [Read more.](#)

Industry News

USDA extends deadlines for Dairy Margin Coverage, Market Facilitation Programs. [Read more.](#)

In response to high levels of both personal and financial farm stress, ISU Extension and Outreach is hosting “Farm Couple Getaways”. [Read more.](#)

Iowa dairy producers will have the opportunity to learn about emerging dairy industry issues during the 2020 Dairy Days events hosted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach specialists. [Read more.](#)

Calendar of Events

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

Dairy Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

Dec. 20 | 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

Campus Closed

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

Spring Semester Begins

Jan. 13 | Northeast Iowa Community College



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