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The Dairy Center Connection

NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST IOWA DAIRY FOUNDATION



Hi, there!

After a tough spring, this harvest season has been nothing but challenging and I leave myself wondering what I can do to help? While I don't have the power to change the weather, I do have the opportunity to do something that farmers don't always have time for: sharing our story with consumers. I am so grateful to open up our farm at Iowa's Dairy Center to the public to show consumers where their milk comes from. I'm proud to work on behalf of farmers to promote the industry we are passionate about. When giving a tour of our farm, I don't just tell the story of Iowa's Dairy Center, I speak on behalf of your farm, too. Though all dairy farms may look different in terms of size and structure, I take every opportunity I can to convey to our visitors that all farms care for their cows, the land and the consumer just as much as we do. The dairy community is all about working together and we need each other to have a viable industry. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to promote our industry; I am so grateful to represent dairy farmers across Northeast Iowa and surrounding areas.

From all of us at Iowa's Dairy Center, have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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Coordinator, Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation



What's Happening at Iowa's Dairy Center

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](#).

Apply for the Iowa Dairy Ambassador Program, Earn a \$1,000 Scholarship

The Iowa Dairy Ambassador Program is a leadership opportunity for students interested in dairy. Dairy Ambassadors will have the opportunity to connect with consumers and share their dairy story while networking with their peers and industry professionals. Five ambassadors will be selected and will be eligible to earn a \$1,000 scholarship. [Read more](#).

Host Your Next Meeting at Iowa's Dairy Center

Iowa's Dairy Center welcomes the use of our facilities for students, community organizations and businesses. Equipped to be your location of choice as an event, business meeting and learning facility, the Dairy Center features state-of-the-art technology, boardrooms and classrooms with every modern convenience to make your event a success. Contact us today about using Iowa's Dairy Center for your next event. [Read more](#).



NICC News

Students Certified 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 Select Sires MidAmerica. This valuable skill allows them to breed cattle and prepares them for a potential career in the A.I. industry.

Animal Science Day Brings Together High School and College Students

Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) hosted Animal Science Day, a collaborative event that paired high school and college animal science students for interactive labs at Iowa's Dairy Center. Over 60 students participated in various hands-on sessions including demonstrating bovine ultrasounding and embryo development, evaluating the health status of pre and post-fresh cows and collecting tissue samples for genomic testing. To cap off the day, students enjoyed a lunch and learn about utilizing genomic technology sponsored by Zoetis.

NICC Hires Agriculture Instructor

NICC is pleased to announce Sara Novotny as the new hire for the Agriculture Instructor position. Sara earned her Master of Science in Professional Development in Agriculture Education from the University of Wisconsin-Rivers Falls. She comes to NICC from Chippewa Valley Technical College where she taught courses in animal science, agronomy and horticulture. Sara will be joining the agriculture faculty at NICC in January 2020.



Dairy Profile: Taz Lehman

NICC Dairy Science alum Taz Lehman was recently featured in the Dairy Star along with his wife Megan and their daughter, Anna. The Lehmans milk 115 cows near Sherrill, Iowa and found their opportunity to dairy farm when a family retired. [Read more.](#)

Industry News

Iowa State Dairy Association told hold Annual Meeting, Dec. 4-5 in Ames. [Read more.](#)

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

Bus grant program applications available to Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area partner-sites. [Read more.](#)

Calendar of Events

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

Campus Closed

Nov.28-29 | Northeast Iowa Community College

[Midwest Dairy & Beef Day](#)

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Dairy Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

Dec. 20 | 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center



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