

September 2019



# The Dairy Center Connection

NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST IOWA DAIRY FOUNDATION



Hi, there!

The changing leaves on the trees aren't the only colorful thing I'm looking forward to this fall. Next week is one of the most exciting events in the dairy industry: World Dairy Expo. From watching the cows exhibited on the colored shaving, the new technology in the exhibition hall or even a delectable grilled cheese sandwich, there is so much to enjoy at the annual event. Will you be attending World Dairy Expo? Join us on our bus trip or stop by our booth at booth located on the main concourse of the coliseum. Be sure to swing by and say hello; we might just have a special gift for you!

See you there!

Mariah Schmitt  
Coordinator, Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation

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## What's Happening at Iowa's Dairy Center

### Maquoketa Valley FFA Top Tri-State Dairy Ag and Expo Dairy Judging Contest

Nearly 400 FFA members from 27 Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin high schools participated in the annual Tri-State Ag and Dairy Expo held on Thursday, Sept. 12, at Iowa's Dairy Center in Calmar. The expo featured dairy judging and dairy products contests where students enhanced their evaluation skills on dairy cattle and products. Maquoketa Valley FFA chapter of Delhi, Iowa was named the champion dairy judging team. Team members included Lane Domeyer, Amber Engelken, Carter Kruse and Mason Kruse. Brooke Courtney, of Decorah FFA chapter, was the high-scoring individual of the contest. [Read more.](#)

### Seats Available for Bus Trip to World Dairy Expo

Make plans to join the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation for a one-day bus trip to World Dairy Expo on Friday, Oct. 4. Bus will depart from Iowa's Dairy Center at 6 am and return at 8:30 pm. This year's trip also includes an optional tour to the Dairy Cattle Center and Babcock Dairy Hall at University of Wisconsin-Madison's campus. Pick up locations will be in Postville and Prairie du Chien, Wis. Cost to attend is \$25 for lifetime Dairy Foundation members and \$50 for non-members. To register, contact Mariah at [563\) 534-9957 ext. 107](tel:563-534-9957) or email [schmittma@nicc.edu](mailto:schmittma@nicc.edu). [Read more.](#)

### Register for Fall Artificial Insemination Training

Nov. 5-7 | 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.](#)

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## NICC News

### Dairy Judging Dairy Judging Team Places Eighth at Accelerated Genetics/Central Star Select Sires Contest

The NICC Dairy Judging Team competed at its first contest of the year at the Accelerated Genetics/Central Star Select Sires Contest held on Sept. 15 in Viroqua, Wis. The team consisting of Brandon Gilbertson, Elk Mound, Wis.; Derek Littrel, Deerpark, Wash.; Austin Raymond, New Richmond, Wis.; and Collin Wille, Rice Lake, Wis. placed seventh in reasons and eighth overall while Austin was named 18<sup>th</sup> place individual overall.

### Dairy Science Club Provides Learning Opportunities for the Community

Dairy Science Club Provides Learning Opportunities for the Community The NICC Dairy Science Club has had a busy start to the semester helping to provide learning opportunities for the community. On Sept. 5, members brought calves to the NICC annual Fall Fest celebration Students interacted with the public, allowing attendees the chance to pet calves. A week later, Sept. 12, students assisted with the Tri-State Dairy Expo which hosted approximately 350 FFA students from the Tri-State area. From training, clipping and leading cows in the dairy judging contest, to helping with the dairy foods contest and even running the Moo Mobile, the students were an essential part in the success of the event. [View photos.](#)

### Visit Campus for Agriculture & Animal Science Program Preview

Oct. 18 | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

Our instructors are proud to showcase our College, their facilities and expand your knowledge of the program, career opportunities and learning potential. At our Agriculture & Animal Science Program Preview Day, you have the opportunity to learn about multiple programs of your choice through interactive tours and presentations at Iowa's Dairy Center. [Read more.](#)

### You're Invited to the Agriculture Career Fair

The agriculture faculty at NICC invite you to the annual Agriculture Career Fair. Approximately 100 first- and second-year students from the following majors will be in attendance: Ag Business, Ag Finance, Ag Production, Beef Science and Dairy Science. The career fair will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 9-11 a.m. Set up can begin at 8:15 a.m. Each employer will be provided a 2x4 table. There is no cost to attend and a complimentary continental breakfast will be available for the employers. [Read more.](#)



## Dairy Profile: Roger Lenius

Roger Lenius was named the recipient of the Dennis Rud Memorial Award. Dennis was a former FFA instructor and longtime employee of Nelson Dairy Consultants. The award is given to an individual who has had a significant role in the success of Tri-State Dairy Expo. Roger has been a long-time board member of the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation. Congratulations, Roger!

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## Industry News

More time provided for dairy producers to enroll in DMC program. [Read more.](#)

Tri-State Agricultural Lender's Seminar set for October 24. [Read more.](#)

Iowa milk production down in August. [Read more.](#)

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

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## Calendar of Events

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

### **Dairy Foundation Operations/Board of Directors Meetings**

Sept. 27 | 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

### **World Dairy Expo Bus Trip**

Oct. 4 | 6 a.m.-8:30 p.m. | Madison, Wis.

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