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Extension Dairy Team

Successful Dairy Systems

Summer Field Days

— 2011 —

A Focus on Cow Comfort



11 locations across Minnesota
No pre-registration required

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Objectives of the Successful Dairy Systems Field Days:

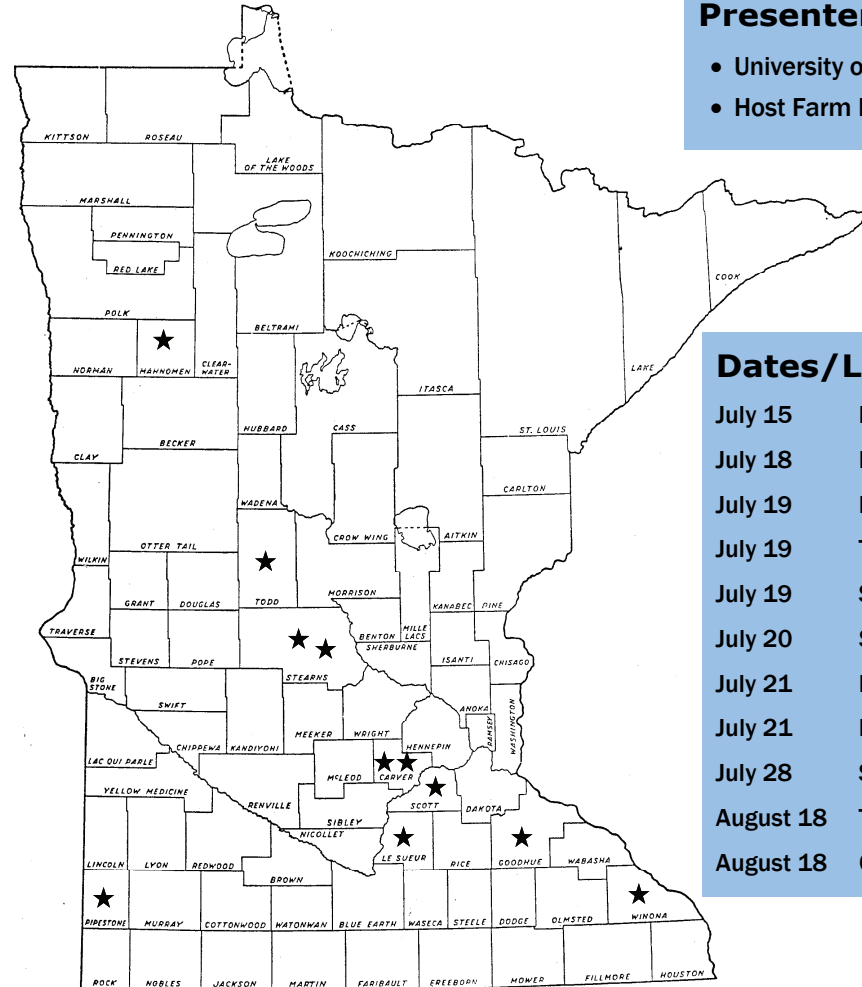
- To learn about each dairy operation's features
- Visit operations that have maintained or improved cow comfort
- Ask questions and learn from one another

Presenters:

- University of Minnesota Extension faculty
- Host Farm Family members

Dates/Locations:

- July 15 Dicke Farm (Goodhue Co)
- July 18 Mueller Farm (Stearns Co)
- July 19 Newalta Dairy LLC (Pipestone Co)
- July 19 Tellers Family Farm (Carver Co)
- July 19 Southview Dairy LLC (Carver Co)
- July 20 Shadycrest-Holsteins (Winona Co)
- July 21 Landwehr Dairy (Stearns Co)
- July 21 Rynda Ranch (Le Sueur Co)
- July 28 Steinmetz Farm (Mahnommen Co)
- August 18 Twin Eagle Dairy (Todd Co)
- August 18 Casey Acres, Inc. (Scott Co)



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Dates & Locations

July 15, 10:00-12:00pm

Registration at 9:30am

Lyle Dicke Farm, 33152 County 6 Blvd, Goodhue, MN (Goodhue County)

Directions: 1/2 mile south of the intersection at Goodhue County Rds 1 & 6. From Goodhue, 1 mile west of MN Hwy 58 to County Rd 6, then north 5 miles.

Features: Remodeled freestall barn for cow comfort; nice open fronted calf barn; parlor retrofitted into a Lester's tie stall barn several years ago.

July 18, 10:30am-1:00pm

Registration at 10:00am

Bob Mueller Farm, 40974 County Rd 170, Melrose, MN (Stearns County)

Directions: From Melrose, north on County Rd 65 to County Rd 64 for .3 miles, continue onto County Rd 170 for 2.7 miles, farm is on the right.

Features: Organic dairy production since 2003; using pastures since 1992; milking 100 cows housed in slatted freestall with sand bedding; 100 acres devoted to pasture for cows and youngstock.

*Lunch provided.

July 19, 10:30am-1:00pm

Registration at 10:00am

Newalta Dairy LLC, John Vander Wal Family, 1125 71st St, Pipestone, MN (Pipestone County)

Directions: From intersection of MN 30 & US Hwy 75, 3.3 miles south on US Hwy 75, then 1.5 miles east on 71st St, farm is on south side of road.

Features: New 1200-cow dairy in 2006; started using separated manure solids for bedding in 2011; recently installed cow activity system to help identify sick cows and cows in heat; pasteurized milk for calves.

*Lunch provided.

July 19, 10:00am-12:00pm

Registration at 9:30am

Mike & Donna Tellers Family, 8865 Tellers Rd, Chaska, MN (Carver County)

Directions: 5-1/2 miles south of MN Hwy 5 to Laketown Rd, continue on Tellers Rd, farm is on the left.

Features: Transition cow care on a tie stall dairy; reproduction; utilizing DHIA records.

*Lunch provided at Augusta Park.

July 19, 1:00-3:00pm

Registration at 12:30pm

Southview Dairy LLC, Don & Mark Hesse Families, 6455 County Rd 140, Cologne, MN (Carver County)

Directions: Take US 212 east to County Rd 43, go 1 mile north, then west on County Rd 140 to farm.

Features: Transition cow care; grass hay diet; new heifer shed for 400 lb through breeding; fans and sprinkler system installed 2009; automated calf feeder being installed currently.

*Co-sponsored by Dairy Profitability Enhancement Program.

July 20, 9:30am-12:00pm

Registration at 9:00am

Shadycrest-Holsteins, Scott & Michelle Herber, 18811 County Rd 33, Altura, MN (Winona County)

Directions: South edge of Altura on County Rd 33.

Features: 600 Holstein cows; double-12 DeLaval parlor with activity system; recycled sand bedding; sexed semen on heifers.

*Co-sponsored by Riverland Community College Farm Business Management.

July 21, 10:30am-1:00pm

Registration at 10:00am

Landwehr Dairy, 16909 County Rd 2, Watkins, MN (Stearns County)

Directions: 6 miles south of Cold Spring on County Rd 2, or 3 miles north of Watkins on County Rd 2.

Features: Two Lely Calm calf feeders feeding 4 pens of calves; 750 milking cows housed in slatted floor freestall barn; compost barn for sick cows.

*Lunch sponsored by Ag Star Financial Services.

July 21 12:00-2:00pm

Registration at 11:30am

Rynda Ranch, Francis & Theresa Rynda, 18200 336th St, Montgomery, MN (Le Sueur County)

Directions: From Le Sueur, south on County Rd 35/ Kingsway Dr, east on County Rd 26/Lexington Rd, north on 191st Ave/County Rd 23, east on 340th St, north on 336th St. From New Prague, west on 280th St/MN 19, south on 181st Ave/County Rd 30, west on 336th St.

Features: New cattle barn in 2004; added Kuhn TMR to grind hay into rations in 2007; remodeled cow barn with new comfort stalls and dual-chamber water beds in 2008.

July 28, 10:30am-1:00pm

Registration at 10:00am

Jim & Sue Steinmetz, 2326 170th St, Mahnomen, MN (Mahnomen County)

Directions: From Mahnomen, 8 miles east on US Hwy 200, 7 miles north on County Rd 3, 3/4 mile west on 170th St to 2nd place on the right. From Fosston, south on County 6 to 170th St, west 3/4 mile.

Features: Remodeled tie stall barn into freestall barn with 1 Lely A3 robot; finishing up a new freestall barn and installing another 2 robots; Lely calm computerized calf feeder and Juno feed pusher.

*Lunch sponsored by Titan Machinery-Winger.

August 18, 10:30am-1:00pm

Registration at 10:00am

Twin Eagle Dairy, Pat & Jody Lunemann, 37674 County Rd 11, Clarissa, MN (Todd County)

Directions: From Clarissa, take County Rd 11 north 3 miles, farm is on the right.

Features: Deep bedding system in a 6-row freestall barn; compost bedding barn for post-fresh and problem cows; pasteurized milk utilized for all calves; constructing new calf facility with computerized feeders.

*Lunch sponsored by Land O'Lakes Milk-Melrose.

August 18, 12:00-2:00pm

Registration at 11:30am

Casey Acres, Inc., Rob, Pat & Calvin Casey, 17826 Murphy Lake Blvd, Prior Lake, MN (Scott County)

Directions: From Prior Lake, southeast on County Rd 21, left onto County Rd 75/Murphy Lake Blvd.

Features: 83 milking cows; recent improvements for cow comfort (extended building to allow cows extra lunge space); excellent forage management.

*Lunch sponsored by Vita Plus & Prairie Farm Supply.

All Sites

Registration:

- Starts 15 to 30 minutes before program
- No pre-registration required

Cost:

- No charge
- Lunch provided at some locations

Agenda:

- Description of farm operation by host farm family
- Discussion on cow comfort, transition cows, and other topics
- Question and answer session



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