



## 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Dairy Practices Annual Conference

*Hilton Mystic, 20 Coogan Blvd, Mystic, CT 06355*

**Tuesday November 4, 2025**

### **Pre-Meeting Workshops**

8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

#### **1) ELECTRONIC / PAPERLESS DATA RECORDING**

**Afternoon Half Day**

- This workshop will explore the “what, why, and how” of electronic / paperless data recording. Regulatory requirements will be discussed by FDA and State Regulatory personnel. We will hear real life experiences from The Pennsylvania State University - Department of Food Science where systems have been implemented. Vendors (Anderson-Negele, Piper Systems, Endress+Hauser) will provide an equipment overview and are invited to have a vendor table at the conference for deeper discussions.

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#### **2) PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE**

**Morning FUNDAMENTALS**

**Afternoon ADVANCED**

- Preventive Maintenance Best Practices for Pumps, Valves, Gaskets, and Heat Exchangers - Presented by Nelson Jameson
  - Morning Session - Fundamentals - This educational session will introduce you to the different types of valves, pumps, and heat exchangers. We will break down the components of each piece of equipment, discussing their functions and roles within a dairy production system.
  - Afternoon Session – Advanced\* - This specialized session will focus on preventive maintenance strategies tailored to valves, pumps, and heat exchangers. Learn to identify and troubleshoot common issues that can disrupt production, and gain hands-on experience in disassembling and maintaining each type of equipment.
    - *Intended for those who have attended the introductory half day session offered in the morning or at past DPC Conferences*

**Wednesday November 5, 2025**

### **Agricultural Tour**

8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Mystic Cheese Company – tour & cheese tasting

### **Annual Conference**

1:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. Opening Session

Welcome & Announcements – DPC President – Wendy Landry

Connecticut Commissioner of Agriculture – Bryan P. Hurlburt

Modern Milk Man – Seth Bahler, Oakridge Dairy LLC

DPC Overview & Task Force Introductions

2:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Dairy Bar / Vendor Visit Break

3:00 p.m.- 4:45 p.m. Task Force Sessions

5:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendees Regroup / Q&A / Reception

5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. Networking Reception (Cash Bar) / Vendor Visits

## Thursday November 6, 2025

8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. General Session

Welcome – DPC President - Wendy Landry

Keynote – Connecting Gate to Plate - Michele Payn, Cause Matters

10:00 a.m. Dairy Bar / Vendor Visit Break

10:30 a.m. Securing the Milk Supply: A Quick Peek at Pests, Pestilence, and Protection Plans

– Dr. Julie Smith, University of Vermont

HPAI Update – Dr. Jamie Jonker, National Milk Producers Federation

Q&A for both presentations

12:00 p.m. Awards Luncheon & Business Meeting

1:15 p.m. Sanitation and Cross-Contamination in Dry Dairy – Dr. Abby Snyder, Cornell University

2:00 p.m. Update on NCIMS Adulteration Study Group work – Roger Hooi, DFA Dairy Brands

2:30 - 3:00 p.m. Dairy Bar / Vendor Visit Break

3:00 – 4:45 p.m. Task Force Sessions Continue

5:00 p.m. First Time Attendee Q&A Wendy Landry

6:00 p.m. Mystic Aquarium – An Evening With the Sharks

## Friday, November 7, 2025

8:15 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. General Session Resumes

Welcome & Announcements – DPC Vice President – Pat Clark

8:30 a.m. NCIMS Updates – Brian Wise, NCIMS Chair

9:15 a.m. “Gut” Waste Panel

Vanguard Renewables Vermont / New England – Kip Buckley, VP Sales

*Additional Speaker TBD*

10:15 a.m. Dairy Bar / Vendor Visit Break

10:45 a.m. New England Dairy

11:15 a.m. Ozonation Possibilities – farm and processing plant

Chris Horton, AMS System Specialist, Technical Support, DeLaval Inc.

Matt Lowe, President & CEO, Advanced Ozone Integration

Q&A for both presentations

12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks & Adjourn

**Questions about the Program, Membership, or Sponsorships?**

*Contact Rebecca Piston: [evp@dairypc.org](mailto:evp@dairypc.org)*

**Attendee Registration Hours During Conference**

**Tues.** 7:30 – 1:00 **Wed.** 7:30 - 2:00, **Thurs.** 7:30 - 1:00, **Fri.** 7:30 - Noon