



57th Annual Dairy Practices Conference

Westin San Antonio North, San Antonio, Texas

Tuesday November 3 – Friday November 6, 2026

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Pre-Meeting Workshops

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

ELECTRONIC / PAPERLESS DATA RECORDING – for Processing Plants

This workshop will explore the “what, why, and how” of electronic / paperless data recording in dairy product manufacturing. Regulatory requirements will be discussed by FDA and State Regulatory personnel. Hear real life experiences from The Pennsylvania State University - Department of Food Science where systems have been implemented. Participants will spend time with system vendors - Anderson-Negele, and Endress+Hauser who will provide an equipment overview and are invited to have a vendor table at the conference for deeper discussions.

ON FARM QUALITY TROUBLESHOOTING and SANITATION BEST PRACTICES

Join this workshop led by industry equipment and sanitation experts to learn how equipment function, sanitation chemistry, and water quality impacts milk quality on the farm.

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ELECTRONIC / PAPERLESS DATA RECORDING – Farms & Raw Milk Transportation

This workshop will explore the “what, why, and how” of electronic / paperless data recording on the farm and in raw milk transportation. Regulatory requirements will be discussed by FDA and State Regulatory personnel. Participants will spend time with system vendors – who will provide an equipment overview and are invited to have a vendor table at the conference for deeper discussions.

PUMPS! And PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE BEST PRACTICES - for Processing Plants

The Dairy Practices Council is pleased to partner once again with Nelson-Jameson to present this popular workshop. The focus this year will be on pumps utilized in manufacturing plants. Other equipment will be addressed as time allows, and Q&A will be encouraged,

Wednesday November 4, 2026

Agricultural Tour

8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Purchase a ticket to visit a historic Texas ranch and enjoy a delicious Texas BBQ lunch with all the fixings. Transportation will be provided.

Annual Conference

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

Welcome & Announcements – DPC President – Wendy Landry

1:15 Texas Welcome - Sofia Stifflemire, Food and Drug, Director – Consumer Protection – Texas Department of State Health Services

1:30 Volleman's Family Farm – Comanche County TX – Andrew Volleman will talk about his family's vertically integrated dairy farm and milk bottling facility.

2:00 DPC Overview & Task Force Introductions – Presentation by DPC Board Members

2:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Dairy Bar Break/Vendor Visits – Enjoy local dairy products and visit with vendors

3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Task Force Sessions – Participate in developing and revising DPC Guidelines on Best Practices for Dairy

5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. 1st Time Attendees Regroup / Q&A – DPC President & Vice President

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

Thursday November 5, 2026

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. General Session

8:30 Welcome & Announcements – DPC President - Wendy Landry

8:45 Kyndra Brown – Texas Dairy Farmer / Influencer – Kyndra will share tales of her family dairy operation and her social media presence sharing the everyday realities of farm life

9:45 Dairy MAX – Dairy Promotion Activities

10:30 a.m. Dairy Bar Break/Vendor Visits – Enjoy local dairy products and visit with vendors

11:00 Extended Runs – Eric Glaude NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets - Dairy manufacturing extended runs, regulatory requirements and the approval process

11:45 Recap & Announcements

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

1:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. General Session continues

1:15 TBD

2:00 Crafting an NCIMS Proposal – NCIMS Program Committee Chair – Wendy Landry – How to write and submit a proposal to the 2027 NCIMS

2:30-3:00 p.m. Dairy Bar Break/Vendor Visits – Enjoy local dairy products and visit with vendors

3:00-5:00 p.m. Task Force Sessions Continue - Participate in developing and revising DPC Guidelines on Best Practices for Dairy

Friday, November 6, 2026

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. General Session resumes

8:30 Welcome & Announcements – DPC Vice President – Michelle Steinmetz

8:45 **Clostridium Botulinum** – Dr. Nicole Martin, Cornell University - Spore treatments for milk and regulatory activity in this arena

9:30 **New World Screwworm, HPAI** – Industry update from USDA APHIS Vet Services (Dr. Adis Dijab or Dr. Huddleston) - Current status of animal health events NWS & HPAI, and impact on the dairy industry

10:15 a.m. Dairy Bar Break/Vendor Visits – Enjoy local dairy products and visit with vendors

10:45 **Securing our Milk Supply – How Prepared are You?**

Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, Animal Health Commission (Dr. Justin Smith or his assistant state vet) - Overview of simulated foreign animal disease outbreak response and the Department's role centered in a key emerging animal health corridor

National Milk Producers Federation - Recent updates made to **Secure Milk Supply (SMS) Program**, resources and processes for our farms, stakeholders and regulatory community

Q&A panel discussion with USDA APHIS, KS Dept. of Agriculture, and NMPF (SMS) Speakers

12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks & Adjourn

Questions about the Program, Membership, or Sponsorships?

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