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 –** Andrew Volleman - Comanche County, TX

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 **Authenticity in Modern Agriculture: Creating Content to Connect -** Kyndra Brown, Moo View Dairy

9:45 **USDA Dairy Program Update –** John Gelsthorpe – USDA, AMS

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

11:00 **Going the Distance – A Regulatory Approach for Extended Runs -** Eric Glaude, NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets

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 **Dairy Farm Energy Considerations** – Dr. Joe Zulovich – University of Missouri Extension

2:00 **Crafting an NCIMS Proposal** – NCIMS Program Committee Chair – Wendy Landry

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* – Risk mitigation strategies from production through processing.**

Dr. Nicole Martin, Cornell University

9:30 **New World screwworm and highly pathogenic avian influenza updates -** Dr. Julie Gauthier, USDA APHIS

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 FMD Exercise – Lessons Learned - Dr. Justin Smith – Kansas Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Commission

Updates to Secure Milk Supply (SMS) Program - Miquela Hanselman – National Milk Producers Federation

Q&A Panel

12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks & Adjourn

Questions about the Program, Membership, or Sponsorships?

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