

California Dairy SustainabilitySummit Farm Focus - March 25, 2025 Visalia Convention Center

Program Agenda

Exact details still subject to potential changes.

7:00 AM	Continental Breakfast in the Expo Hall
8:00 AM	General Session in the Expo Hall
	Welcome Remarks
	Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture
	Dairy's Opportunities in a Shifting Landscape Gregg Doud, President and CEO, National Milk Producers Federation
	Unprecedented Leadership and Success: California dairy's sustainability journey Frank Mitloehner, Ph.D., Professor and Air Quality Specialist, Director, UC Davis CLEAR Center
	 Who's Driving Dairy Sustainability? (and What's in Store for the Road Ahead) Moderator: Michael Boccadoro, Executive Director, Dairy Cares Daniel Peerless, Global Sustainable Sourcing Lead for Dairy, Meat, Poultry and Eggs, Nestlé Polina Surina, Senior Strategic Sourcing Manager, Mars Darrin Monteiro, SVP of Sustainability & Member Relations, California Dairies, Inc. Hansel New, AVP of Sustainability Strategy & Programs, Dairy Farmers of America Jared Fernandes, Dairy Farmer, CEO, Legacy Ranches
	Nourishing a Sustainable Future: Dairy protein delivers Mitch Kanter, Ph.D., Owner, Kanter Health and Nutrition Insights, LLC.
10:30 AM	Networking and Refreshment Break in the Expo Hall
11:00 AM	Breakout Sessions
	Fighting to Feed People: How Sonoma County farmers wrote the playbook for local food production advocacy Moderators: Jennifer Giambroni, VP Communications, California Milk Advisory Board and Melissa Lema, Director of Producer Relations, California Milk Advisory Board • Dayna Ghirardelli, Executive Director, Sonoma County Farm Bureau • Doug Beretta, Owner, Beretta Family Dairy
	San Joaquin AB Genomic Testing: A successful tool for dairy herd sustainability Moderator: Ralph Bruno, DVM, Senior Dairy Technical Service Veterinarian, Zoetis Simon Vander Woude, Owner, Vander Woude Dairy Wiebren Jonkman, Owner, Diamond J Farms San Joaquin CD
	Tackling Water Scarcity: Evolving policies & strategies for improving water availability Moderator: Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel, Director of Regulatory and Economic Affairs, Milk Producers Council
	 David DeGroot, CFO/COO, 4Creeks, Inc./California Bioenergy, LLC. Thomas Harter, PhD, Distinguished Professor, University of California, Davis
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12:00 PM	Lunch and Exhibits in the Expo Hall
1:40 PM	Breakout Sessions Marriott Ballroom
	 Protecting the Herd: Proactive animal care in the H5N1 era Moderator: Denise Mullinax, Executive Director, California Dairy Research Foundation Annette M. Jones, DVM, State Veterinarian, Director of Animal Health & Food Safety, California Department of Food & Agriculture Jason Lombard, DVM, Veterinary Epidemiologist, Colorado State University Jacob Zonneveld, President & CEO, Zonneveld Dairies, Inc.
	San Joaquin AB Manure Subsurface Drip: Exploring water conservation & incentive opportunities Moderator: Ryan Flaherty, Director of Business Partnerships, Sustainable Conservation Val Fishman, Advocacy/Development Consultant, Orbia Precision Agriculture (Netafim) Michael McRee, Owner, Michael McRee Farming/Triangle M Dairy Richie Mayo, CFO, De Jager Farms
	The Ongoing Role of Digesters: Market outlook and long-term success Moderator: Michael Boccadoro, Executive Director, Dairy Cares Michael Kotyk, VP of Commercial Development, California Bioenergy, LLC. Kaelen McCrane, Senior Originator, Mainspring Energy Justin Loyear, Business Development Manager, Cummins Alternative Technologies Korey Reynolds, Senior Project Engineer, SkyNRG Americas
2:30 PM	10-min Refreshment Break
2:40 PM	Breakout Sessions
	Marriott Ballroom Reducing Enteric Methane: status of feed additives, selective breeding & more Moderator: Juan Tricarico, PhD, Senior VP, Environmental Research, Dairy Management, Inc. • Heidi Rossow, PhD, Professor of Dairy Nutrition Management, UC Davis Veterinary School • Mary Beth de Ondarza, PhD, Owner, Paradox Nutrition, LLC
	San Joaquin AB Making the Most of Manure: Improving nutrient management & groundwater protection Moderator: J.P. Cativiela, Administrator, Central Valley Dairy Representative Monitoring Program, Regulatory Director, Dairy Cares Steven Rowe, President and CEO, BioFiltro Scott Harrison, CEO, Figure 8 Environmental Michael Kopper, CEO & Founder, Centrisys/CNP Richie Mayo, CFO, De Jager Farms
	 San Joaquin CD Sustainable Feed Solutions: Cool new models for growing & delivering high-quality feed Moderator: Michael Boccadoro, Executive Director, Dairy Cares Jack de Jong, Co-Founder, CEO, Chairman, Forever Feed Technologies/ River Ranch Farms Danny Martins, Owner, Martins Farms, LP/ Martins Milk Transport Jason Prapas, Founder & CEO, FYTO
3:30 - 5:30	Reception and Exhibits in the Expo Hall