

# Four-State Dairy Conference To Address Industry Issues

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The latest research information on issues concerning the dairy industry will be presented at the 2011 Four-State Dairy Nutrition and Management Conference on June 8 and 9 at the Grand River Center in Dubuque, Iowa.

This conference is a collaborative effort of the Extension services of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa.

“We expect more than 400 professionals to participate, along with 40 commercial booths,” said Mike Hutjens, University of Illinois professor emeritus in the Department of Animal Sciences. “This conference will provide timely research findings for dairy industry professionals, as well as the latest information about new technology and products.”

Conference topics and speakers include:

- Feeding high forage rations – Larry Chase of Cornell University
- Evaluating and improving starch digestibility – Pat Hoffman of the University of Wisconsin
- Pushing the limits of production – Panel fea-

turing Mike Hutjens of U of I and dairy producers Dana Allen and Ron Olson

- Predicting and identifying illness through changes in cow behavior – Trevor DeVries of the University of Guelph
- Cow comfort drives transition cow successes – Ken Nordlund, University of Wisconsin
- Antioxidant nutrients and their role in health and disease – Matt Waldron, University of Missouri
- Controlling variation with on-farm precision feeding applications – Noah Litherland, University of Minnesota
- Other topics including robotic milkers, automatic calf feeders, ventilating calf barns, feeding strategies to minimize heat stress, and heifer bunk management

The seminar will begin at 8 a.m. on June 8 with a morning pre-conference symposium sponsored by Prince Agri Products.

To register online or obtain a downloadable brochure, go to <http://www.wasa.org> or contact Wisconsin Agri-Service Association at 608-223-1111. △



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