

# UK A Joint Sponsor Of The Southern Dairy Conference Jan. 24-25

## LEXINGTON, KY.

**K**entucky dairy producers have an opportunity to join others from across the region in Atlanta at a January conference addressing some of the major issues currently facing the dairy industry.

Jeffrey Bewley, extension professor in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture's Department of Animal and Food Sciences, is part of the Southern Dairy Conference planning committee. He said the Jan. 24-25 conference will offer several presentations on all facets of the dairy industry. The main emphasis would be on the competitiveness and sustainability of the southern dairy industry.

"Participants will learn about production, processing and manufacturing," he said. "Topics include policy and legislation, milk prices, animal well-being, risk management, farm ownership and the next generation of dairy farmers."

The conference will take place at the Embassy Suites near the Atlanta airport. Lodging reservations must be made with the hotel by calling 1-800-362-2779 or 404-767-1988. The Southern Dairy Conference rate is \$120 per night.

Registration for the conference is \$250. Online registration is available at



<http://www.areg.caes.uga.edu>. To find more information, visit the conference website at <http://www.southern-dairyconference.com>.

Fifteen southern land-grant universities are sponsoring the event: Auburn, Clemson, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana State, Mississippi State, Missouri, North Carolina State, Texas A&M and Virginia Tech.

Topics and speakers include:

- The Road Ahead for the Dairy Industry: Challenges and Opportunities – Scott Brown, University of Missouri

- Economic Effect of Dairy Security Act of 2011 – Scott Brown, University of Missouri

- The Southeast and Dairy Policy – Calvin Covington retired Dairy Breed and Cooperative Executive

- Factors Impacting Farm Milk Price – Calvin Covington, DFA Perspective on Dairy Future—Rick Smith of Dairy Farmers of America

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- Experiences in Teaching Dairy Risk Management using the FACTsim Market Simulation – John Van Sickle, University of Florida
- SUDIA Update – Cheryl Hayn, SUDIA general manager

- Enhancing Dairy's Image by Building Consumer Trust – Mollie Waller with Strategic Business Relations Dairy Management Inc.

- Improving Animal Well-Being through Facilities Management – Peter Krawczel, University of Tennessee

- North Carolina Dairy Advantage: Growing N.C.'s Dairy Industry – Shannon Davidson, North Carolina Dairy Advantage

- Training the Next Generation of the Dairy Industry – Cathy Williams, Louisiana State University

- The Grazing Dairy Model: Providing a Viable and Exciting Business Opportunity for Young and Old – Tony Finch of Grasslands Dairies, LLC

- Transition of Farm Ownership – David Marrison, The Ohio State University

- Young Farmer Panel Discussion – Jeff Cornwell of North Carolina, Denise and Curtis Jones of Kentucky and a grassland dairies producer from Missouri. Δ



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