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### **University and Dairy Industry Specialists to Speak at Winter Dairy Programs in NY**

Dairy specialists with the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine and the University of Vermont Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences will speak at winter dairy programs from 10am to 3pm on January 12 in Burrville, NY, at Farm Credit East, January 13 at Extension offices in Canton in northern NY and Albion, Canandaigua and Warsaw in western NY, and January 14 at Miner Institute in Chazy, NY.

On January 20, speakers with the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council and the Upstate Niagara Cooperative will talk about delivering a positive message through social and traditional media and about the National Dairy F.A.R.M. Program in a shared broadcast program from 10am to 3pm in Burrville, Canton and Chazy in northern NY and in Albion, Canandaigua and Warsaw in western NY.

The Cornell Cooperative Extension associations of northern New York, Quality Milk Production Services, and Northwest New York Dairy, Livestock and Field Crops Team are partnering to present the programs in multiple locations via internet broadcasting and webinar technology.

### **Speakers at the January 12, 13 and 14 programs are:**

- . . Dr. Katie Proudfoot: Dairy Handling and Cow Comfort
- . . Dr. Julie M. Smith: Animal Welfare in the Milking Parlor, and
- . . Dr. Kimberley Morrill: Calf Comfort and Cold Weather Considerations.

Dr. Katie Proudfoot teaches animal behavior and welfare at the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine and conducts dairy cow welfare research with a focus on behavior, management and disease during the calving period. She completed her Master of Science and doctorate degree with the University of British Columbia Animal Welfare Program.

Veterinarian Dr. Julie M. Smith is an Extension Associate Professor and dairy specialist with the University of Vermont Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences. Her interest areas include herd health, calf and heifer management and agricultural emergency management. She has trained Extension educators, livestock producers and community members on the risks posed by animal diseases with an emphasis on awareness and prevention. Dr. Smith earned her Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences, veterinary degree, and Ph.D. in animal nutrition at Cornell University.

Dr. Kimberley Morrill is the Cornell University Cooperative Extension Northern New York Regional Dairy Specialist. She was raised on a New Hampshire dairy farm and managed her own herd to pay for her undergraduate education at the University of New Hampshire. She completed her Master of Animal Nutrition degree there in 2008 and earned her doctorate degree in animal physiology at the Iowa State University in Ames.

**Speakers at the January 20 program are:**

- . . Beth Meyer, Vice President for Industry Communications with the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, and
- . . Sara Gillette, Senior Animal Well-Being Specialist and Area Manager, Upstate Niagara Cooperative; certified National Milk Producers Federation trainer/ evaluator.

Beth Meyer will present how to share positive messages about farming practices and dairy cattle welfare. As spokesperson for the dairy promotion checkoff organization for farmers in New York, northern New Jersey, and Northeastern Pennsylvania, Beth provides media and public audiences with information on topics ranging from milk pricing and nutrition to farm energy efficiencies and dairy sustainability efforts.

Sara Gillette grew up on a Guernsey farm in Lima, NY, which shipped milk to the Upstate Niagara Cooperative, a food and beverage cooperative of more than 360 family dairy farms in western NY. The Cooperative joined the National Dairy F.A.R.M., Farmers Assuring Responsible Management, program in January 2013. The program is a nationwide, verifiable animal well being program being adopted by dairy producers and cooperatives across the United States. Sara will also highlight areas of improvement in animal welfare for the dairy industry.

The fee to attend one of the January 12, 13 or 14 programs and the January 20 program in northern NY is \$75 by the January 4 pre-registration deadline or \$95 at the door; contact 315.379.9192 or [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/\\_10512](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/_10512).

The fee to attend the January 13 and 20 programs at a western NY location is \$75 for those enrolled in the Northwest New York Dairy, Livestock and Field Crops Team Program, \$95 for non-members; contact 585.786.2251 or <http://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/dairy-institute>.

Accommodations for persons with special needs may be requested by contacting the Extension office for the location of your choice.

These winter dairy courses are offered as part of the Winter 2016 Northern New York Dairy Institute supported by Cargill, the Dairy Farmers of America, Dairy Health and Management Services, Poulin Grain, W.H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute, and the Northern New York Agricultural Development Program.

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