California Dairy Sustainability Summit Farm Focus - March 25, 202 Visalia Convention Center Farm Focus - March 25, 2025



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
	<ul> <li>Who's Driving Dairy Sustainability? (and What's in Store for the Road Ahead)</li> <li>Moderator: Michael Boccadoro, Executive Director, Dairy Cares</li> <li>Daniel Peerless, Global Sustainable Sourcing Lead for Dairy, Meat, Poultry and Eggs, Nestle</li> <li>Polina Surina, Senior Strategic Sourcing Manager, Mars</li> <li>Darrin Monteiro, SVP of Sustainability &amp; Member Relations, California Dairies, Inc.</li> <li>Hansel New, AVP of Sustainability Strategy &amp; Programs, Dairy Farmers of America</li> <li>Jared Fernandes, Dairy Farmer, CEO, Legacy Ranches</li> </ul>
	<b>Nourishing a Sustainable Future: Dairy protein delivers</b> 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
	<ul> <li>Fighting to Feed People: How Sonoma County farmers wrote the playbook for local food production advocacy</li> <li>Moderators: Jennifer Giambroni, VP Communications, California Milk Advisory Board and Melissa Lema, Director of Producer Relations, California Milk Advisory Board</li> <li>Dayna Ghirardelli, Executive Director, Sonoma County Farm Bureau</li> <li>Doug Beretta, Owner, Beretta Family Dairy</li> </ul>
	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
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12:00 PM	San Joaquin CD <b>Tackling Water Scarcity: Evolving policies &amp; strategies for improving</b> <b>water availability</b> Moderator: Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel, Director of Regulatory and Economic Affairs, Milk Producers Council

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12:00 PM	Lunch and Exhibits in the Expo Hall
1:40 PM	<ul> <li>Breakout Sessions</li> <li><u>Marriott Ballroom</u></li> <li>Protecting the Herd: Proactive animal care in the H5N1 era</li> <li>Moderator: Denise Mullinax, Executive Director, California Dairy Research Foundation</li> <li>Annette M. Jones, DVM, State Veterinarian, Director of Animal Health &amp; Food Safety, California Department of Food &amp; Agriculture</li> <li>Jason Lombard, DVM, Veterinary Epidemiologist, Colorado State University</li> <li>Jacob Zonneveld, President &amp; CEO, Zonneveld Dairies, Inc.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li><u>San Joaquin AB</u></li> <li>Manure Subsurface Drip: Exploring water conservation &amp; incentive opportunities</li> <li>Moderator: Ryan Flaherty, Director of Business Partnerships, Sustainable Conservation</li> <li>Val Fishman, Advocacy/Development Consultant, Orbia Precision Agriculture (Netafim)</li> <li>Michael McRee, Owner, Michael McRee Farming/Triangle M Dairy</li> <li>Richie Mayo, CFO, De Jager Farms</li> </ul>
	San Joaquin CDThe Ongoing Role of Digesters: Market outlook and long-term successModerator: Michael Boccadoro, Executive Director, Dairy CaresMichael Kotyk, VP of Commercial Development, California Bioenergy, LLC.Kaelen McCrane, Senior Originator, Mainspring EnergyJustin Loyear, Business Development Manager, Cummins Alternative TechnologiesKorey Reynolds, Senior Project Engineer, SkyNRG Americas
2:30 PM	10-min Refreshment Break
2:40 PM	Breakout Sessions <u>Marriott Ballroom</u> <b>Reducing Enteric Methane: status of feed additives, selective breeding &amp; more</b> 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
	<ul> <li><u>San Joaquin CD</u></li> <li>Sustainable Feed Solutions: Cool new models for growing &amp; delivering high-quality feed</li> <li>Moderator: Michael Boccadoro, Executive Director, Dairy Cares</li> <li>Jack de Jong, Co-Founder, CEO, Chairman, Forever Feed Technologies/ River Ranch Farms</li> <li>Danny Martins, Owner, Martins Farms, LP/ Martins Milk Transport</li> <li>Jason Prapas, Founder &amp; CEO, FYTO</li> </ul>
3:30 - 5:30	