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The mission of the Florida Dairy Production Conference is to create a program which brings together some of the newest research, innovations, recommendations and ideas for improving the sustainability and profitability of the Florida dairy industry. The presented information provides practical take-home messages for dairy farmers and highlights emerging trends in the dairy industry. The conference strives to provide a friendly learning and sharing atmosphere with networking opportunities for our target audience of dairy owners and employees, allied dairy industry professionals, students and dairy educators.

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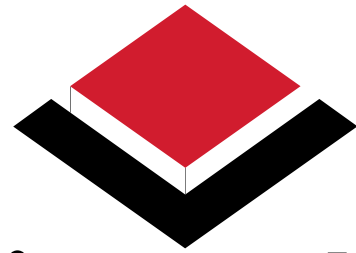


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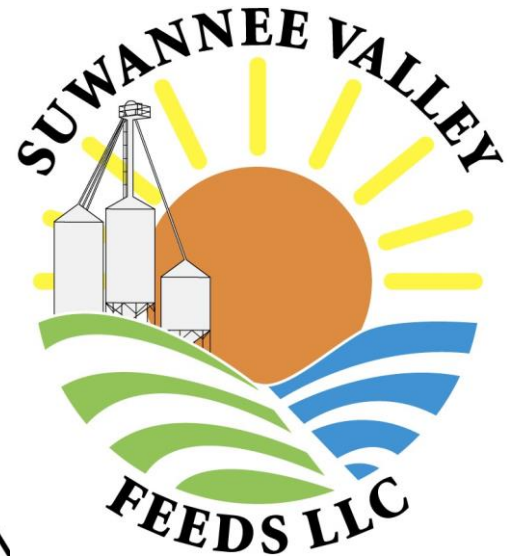


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PROGRAM

- 9.00 AM *Welcome and opening remarks*
Saqib Mukhtar (Associate Dean for Extension, University of Florida)
- 9.10 *Dairy calf and heifer management*
Joao Costa (University of Kentucky)
- 9.50 *Selecting replacement heifers*
Francisco Peñagaricano (University of Florida)
- 10.20 BREAK
- 10.50 *Critical aspects for improving reproductive success*
Milo Wiltbank (University of Wisconsin)
- 11.30 *Nutritional manipulations to improve health and fertility*
José Santos (University of Florida)
- 12.00 PM LUNCHEON
- 1.30 *Addressing animal welfare concerns in dairy farming*
Meggan Hain (Organic Valley Cooperative)
- 2.15 *Engaging and educating the public about dairy practices*
Gary Corbett (Fair Oaks Farms, Indiana)
- 3.00 BREAK
- 3.30 *When dairy farming meets social media: sharing my experience*
Tara Vander Dussen (New Mexico Milkmaid, New Mexico)
- 4.00 *When dairy farming meets social media: sharing my experience*
Brittany & Courtney Nickerson (Nickerson Cattle Company & Nickerson Bar III, FL)
- 4.30 *Producer Panel*
Moderator: Ricardo Chebel (University of Florida)
- 5.00 RECEPTION

