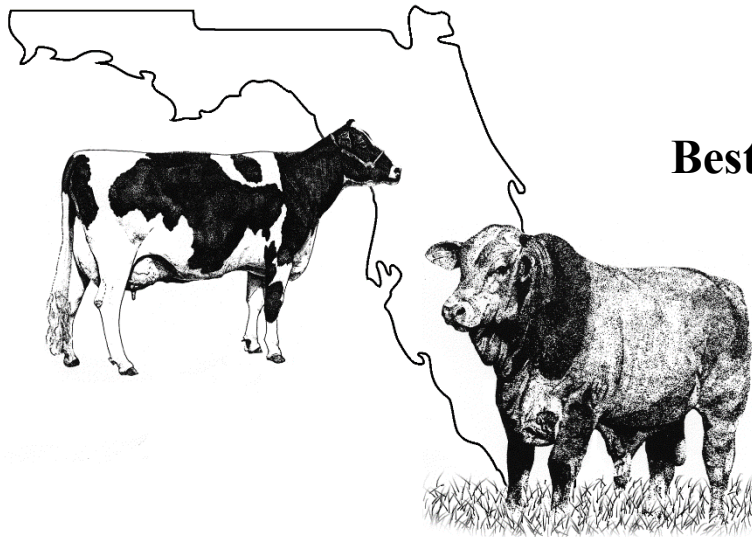


# 2026 Florida Ruminant Nutrition Symposium



February 23 - 25  
Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel  
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37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

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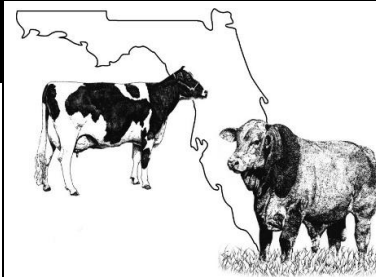
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# Symposium Registration

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### Registration Information

The registration fee includes the Brazilian barbecue on Monday evening, Tuesday lunch, refreshment breaks, and reception on Tuesday evening, and the CNCPS Biology NDS training on Wednesday afternoon.

**Early Reduced Registration Fee**  
(On or before Feb 16, 2026) ..... **\$300.00**

**Late & On-site Registration Fee**  
(After Feb 16, 2026)..... **\$350.00**

**REGISTER ONLINE:** Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available on the website below paying by credit card (VISA, MasterCard, or American Express).

Registration via Eventbrite at: <https://RNS-2026-Tickets.eventbrite.com>

FL Ruminant Nutrition Symposium website: <https://tinyurl.com/UF-RNS2026>

If mailing a check (payable to University of Florida/Ruminant Nutrition Symposium, U.S. dollars and drawn on U.S. banks), then contact Matti Moyer [matti.moyer@ufl.edu](mailto:matti.moyer@ufl.edu) with check and this registration form mailed to Department of Animal Sciences, 2250 Shealy Drive, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611-0910.

**REFUND POLICY:** Send cancelation request to [jepsantos@ufl.edu](mailto:jepsantos@ufl.edu) or through Eventbrite. A \$50.00 processing fee will be deducted from all refunds. Deadline for refunding is February 16, 2026.

### Visit and Bookmark the Symposium Website for Details

- **Registration – Early Registration Fee Deadline is Feb 16, 2026**
- **Program Speakers, Updates & Announcements**
- **Accommodation & Meeting Site**
- **Sponsors & Supporters**
- <https://tinyurl.com/UF-RNS2026>
- **ARPAS CE credits:** 18 CE credits are approved by ARPAS.

### Questions?

#### Conference Information

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# Symposium Program

**Monday, Feb 23, 2026** – Mini-Symposium sponsored by Balchem Corporation “*New revelations in ruminant nutrition*”

- 2:00 PM **Scott Sorrell**, Balchem Corporation  
“*Welcome and introduction*”
- 2:05 PM **Heather White**, University of Wisconsin-Madison “*Maternal fed choline: game changing results for beef x dairy calves*”
- 2:50 PM **Brad Johnson**, Texas Tech University  
“*Choline supplementation in the feedlot: growth, health & carcass impacts*”
- 3:35 PM **Stephanie Hansen**, Iowa State University  
“*Trace mineral management for the modern beef herd*”
- 4:20 PM **Bill Weiss**, The Ohio State University “*Trace mineral requirements: a practical guide for dairy nutritionists*”
- 5:05 PM **Maria Spindola**, Balchem Corporation  
“*KeyShure plus: more mineral, greater results*”
- 5:25 PM **Clay Zimmerman**, Balchem Corporation  
“*Wrap Up*”
- 5:30 PM **Poolside Brazilian Barbeque**

**Tuesday, Feb 24, 2026** – Pre-Conference sponsored by Kemin Animal Nutrition and Health “*Precision Nutrition During Transition and Beyond*”

- 8:10 AM **Emiliano Raffrenato**, Kemin Animal Nutrition and Health “*Welcome and introduction*”
- 8:20 AM **Jonas de Souza**, Perdue Animal Nutrition  
“*Production responses to AA and energy supply in fresh and high-producing cows*”
- 9:00 AM **Kelly Nichols**, University of California, Davis  
“*Nitrogen efficiency and its implications for sustainable dairy nutrition*”
- 9:40 AM **Refreshment Break**
- 10:10 AM **Fábio Lima**, University of California, Davis  
“*Beyond the transition period: the Impact of extended choline supplementation on health, production, and reproductive success*”
- 10:50 AM **Deepak Dubey & Pieter Passchyn**, Kemin Animal Nutrition and Health “*Evaluation and implementation of encapsulated choline chloride to improve farm profitability*”
- 11:30 AM **Buffet Lunch**

**Tuesday, Feb 24, 2026** – Symposium

- 1:10 PM **Saqib Mukhtar**, University of Florida  
“*IFAS/Animal Sciences update*”
- 1:20 PM **Jean-Baptiste Daniel**, Trouw Nutrition  
“*Homeostatic boundaries to dietary Zn, Cu and Mn supply in cattle*”
- 2:00 PM **Mirja Wilkens**, University of Leipzig “*The role of phosphorus in calcium homeostasis*”
- 2:40 PM **Lance Baumgard**, Iowa State University  
“*Impact of diet and management on gastrointestinal barrier integrity*”
- 3:20 PM **Refreshment Break**
- 3:50 PM **Luiz Ferraretto**, University of Wisconsin Madison “*Corn silage fiber quality and impacts on feeding behavior and production*”
- 4:30 PM **Kurt Cotanch**, RUM&N Nutritional Dynamic Systems “*Effective use of fiber in dairy rations*”
- 5:30 PM **Reception**

**Wednesday, Feb 25, 2026** – Symposium

- 8:10 AM **Stephanie Hansen**, Iowa State University  
“*Advances in vitamin nutrition for beef cattle*”
- 8:50 AM **Mirja Wilkens**, University of Leipzig “*An update on vitamin D nutrition for ruminants*”
- 9:30 AM **Refreshment Break**
- 10:00 AM **Sebastian Salvatierra**, University of Florida  
“*Replacement of soybean protein with protein from DDGS in diets for dairy cows*”
- 10:20 AM **Federico Tarnonsky**, University of Florida  
“*Intake limiters, old technology for modern beef cattle supplementation*”
- 10:40 AM **Brad Johnson**, Texas Tech University  
“*Feedlot nutrition and management programs for heavier carcass weights and improved beef quality*”
- 11:20 AM **Ruminant Nutrition Symposium Adjourns**

**Wednesday, Feb 25, 2026** – Post-Symposium CNCPS Biology NDS Training Session

- 1:00 – 4:30 PM **Jacob Copelin and David Weber**, RUM&N Nutritional Dynamic Systems  
“*Using CNCPS biology with the NDS platform for dairy diet formulation*”

## Meeting Site & Hotel Accommodations

### Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel

4200 NW 97th Blvd.  
Gainesville, Florida 32606  
(Exit 390 of I-75).

All reservations must be made directly with the hotel to get the discounted group rate. Contact the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel directly at [Hotel Rooms - RNS 2026 at BWGG](#) or at (352) 331-3336 and mention *Ruminant Nutrition Symposium* to receive the group's special rate.

- **Standard Double Rooms** are available at a rate of **\$115.00 per night plus tax**. All standard rooms have two double beds, microwave, and mini-fridge.
- **King Standard Rooms** are available at a rate of **\$115.00 per night plus tax** upon availability. All King Standard Rooms have 1 king size bed and a pullout sofa, a wet bar with a microwave and mini-fridge.
- *Complimentary continental breakfast will be served in the lobby each morning for all guests.*
- *Complimentary high speed wireless internet access in each guest room.*
- *Complimentary Airport Shuttle - The Best Western Gateway Grand will provide complimentary transportation to and from the Gainesville Regional Airport. Courtesy phones are located near baggage claim in the airport terminal.*

**Reservations must be made by February 6, 2026, to assure availability and the group rate.**



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- Registration by February 16 - \$300** (per person attending the event)



#### **Due Date for Sponsors is February 17, 2026:**

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