March 6 – 7, 2024
East Syracuse, NY

Embracing Opportunities for Viable Future

March 6, 2024

8:00 AM  Registration open
Sponsored by Pikeside Ag Machinery

9:00 AM  Pre-Conference Sessions
- Heifer Inventory Management- What Does That Mean? Why Are We Still Talking About It After All These Years? – Peter Dueppengiesser, ST Genetics (sponsored by ST Genetics)
- Maximizing Yield Using Geospatial Agronomy within the Context of Large Dairy Farms – Chris Fennig, Dairy One & MyFarms (sponsored by Agricultural Consulting Services)

9:55 AM  Pre-Conference Sessions
- Mycoplasma Mastitis in Dairy Cows – Dr. Roger Saltman, Dairy One & RLS Management Solutions (sponsored by Dairy One Cooperative, Inc.)
- Large Herd Robotic Milking: Experiences Shared From 16+ years of Robotic Operation – Clayton Hemminger and Pete Maslyn, Hemdale Farms (sponsored by Finger Lakes Dairy Services)
- What Are Our Top Producing Herds Doing? – Dr. Karen Luchterhand, Novus International (sponsored by Novus International)

10:50 AM  Pre-Conference Sessions
- From Parlor to the Pens: Optimizing Your Time and Labor Through Better Farm and Cow Management – Andy Lenkaitis, GEA Farm Technologies (sponsored by GEA Farm Technologies)
- Value-Added Dairy: From Feasibility to Follow-Through – Heather Weeks, Kelsey Neckers, Emili Ponte, Farm Credit East (sponsored by Farm Credit East, ACA)
- Pioneering Genetic Improvement to Create a More Sustainable Food Supply – Dr. Matthew Cleveland, ABS Global (sponsored by ABS Global)

11:35 AM  Lunch

12:45 PM  Welcome

1:00 PM  Making Molehills Out of Mountains – Leadership Strategies that Work! – Andrew McCrea, Oscar-Winning TV and Radio Broadcaster
Opening Keynote sponsored by Ever.Ag
2:05 PM    Grabbing Hold or Letting Go: Embracing the Uncomfortable Work of Transitioning the Management & Leadership of Your Family Business - Barb Dartt, The Family Business Consulting Group

3:05 PM    Trade Show and Break
Sponsored by Delaval Dairy Service

4:00 PM    5 Keys to Maintaining Balance: During and After Disruption - Janine Stange, Singer and On-Air Personality

5:00 PM    Popp Undergraduate and Leadership Awards

5:30 PM    Networking Dinner and Activities

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6:30 AM    Breakfast

7:15 AM    NEDPA Annual Meeting

8:30 AM    You Have More Influence Than You Think - Dr. Vanessa Bohns, Cornell University

9:15 AM    Dairy Farming & Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Challenges & Opportunities - Karl Czymmek, Kirsten Workman, and Lauren Ray, Cornell CALS PRO-DAIRY; Dr. Mike Van Amburgh and Dr. Olivia Godber, Cornell University Animal Science

10:00 AM    Break

10:30 AM    Concurrent Breakout Sessions
- Setting the Foundation to Create a Farm Team Motivated to Achieve Business and Personal Goals - Jared Dueppengiesser, Rosendale Dairy
- The Value of Dairy Environmental Footprints for Your Farm and the New York Dairy Industry - Kirsten Workman, Cornell CALS PRO-DAIRY; Dr. Quirine Ketterings, Cornell CALS NMSP and Dr. Olivia Godber, Cornell CALS NMSP

11:30 AM    Concurrent Breakout Sessions
- Creating a Productive Organizational Structure - Collin McCarthy, Cargill
- Manure and Methane: What You Need to Know - Jason Oliver and Lauren Ray, Cornell CALS PRO-DAIRY

12:15 PM    Lunch

1:15 PM    Harnessing Technology for a Sustainable and Resilient Dairy Production at the Farm of the Future - Dr. Julio Giordano, Cornell University

2:15 PM    Lean System Approach to Farm Safety: Panel Discussion - Dr. Richard Stup, Cornell Agricultural Workforce Development

4:00 PM    Adjourn