



South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service



Press Release – 3rd Annual I-29 Corridor Dairy Meeting

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I-29 Corridor Dairy Meeting – Jan 30, 31, and Feb 1

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The Annual I-29 Corridor Dairy meeting is a regional dairy information meeting dedicated to discussion of pertinent topics in dairy herd health and management. The learning event is planned and coordinated jointly by the University Extension staff from the four land grant universities serving the region: Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota. The theme for the 2008 program is “Breed for Success”, and all program presentations will focus on strategies for successful, profitable dairy herd reproduction program decisions and management. All dairy producers and consultants in the multi-state I-29 Corridor region are invited to attend one of three sites: Jan 30 at Brookings SD; Jan 31 at Sheldon IA; Feb 1 at Pipestone MN. The program at all sites begins at 10:30 a.m. and adjourns at 3:45p.m.

The program features 3 speakers expert in various aspects of dairy herd reproduction management. Dr Neil Michael opens the program with a look at “Economic Opportunities to Improve Reproduction”. Dr Stephen Emanuele will follow with a discussion of the “Nutrition Connection to Reproductive Performance”. Dr. Les Hansen will address “The Importance of Genetics for Fertility of High-Producing Dairy Cows: The ABCs of Purebreeding and Crossbreeding”.

The afternoon program will offer breakout sessions aimed at making practical application of the principles presented by each of the speakers. To round out the day, representatives from the sponsor companies will have display tables set up and will be available throughout the meeting to talk with meeting participants about updates in products and services.

Pre-registration by January 21 is strongly recommended; however, walk-in registrations will be accepted. For the Jan 30 Brookings SD site, call Valerie at 605-688-4116; for the Jan 31 Sheldon IA site, call Chris Mondak at 712-737-4230, and for the Feb 1 Pipestone MN site, call Merri Post at 507- 825-6715. Registration fee is \$20/person and includes lunch and Proceedings book.