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2019 WI Dairy Well-Being Roadshow

The Wisconsin Dairy & Beef Well-Being Conference has drawn over 1,500 attendees since its inception in 2010. UW-Madison Division of Extension is pleased to provide a platform for learning about current cattle well-being topics for Wisconsin's farmers, veterinarians and allied industries. Our focus on dairy and beef well-being, health, and handling has proven to be a valuable asset for producers and processors alike.

We are hosting the 2019 conference, with a dairy emphasis, as a roadshow across four locations. It is our intent to foster smaller group sessions that include interactive, hands-on activities. To help achieve these goals, a team of excellent speakers will travel to each location to discuss current well-being concerns of Wisconsin's dairy farmers. At all locations, Jennifer Van Os, the University of Wisconsin Dairy Welfare Specialist will discuss dairy calf management to foster socialization that improves growth and performance. Additional topics include understanding and practicing pain mitigation techniques when dehorning/disbudding calves, research validated technologies that enable cattle comfort, and understanding normal cattle behavior and stockmanship.

The registration deadline for all locations is March 12, and the registration fees are the same at every location:

- \$45 per farmer or allied industry personnel. ARPAS continuing education credits are available.
- \$65 for veterinarians. Includes four veterinary continuing education credits.
- The conference is National FARM Program endorsed and qualifies for two Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) re-certification credits.

Registrations received after March 12 will be charged a \$10 late fee. For more information and to register, contact the Extension host where you would like to attend:

- March 19 UW-Platteville College Farm, Platteville. Contact Extension Grant County, 608-328-9440
- March 20 Green Mill Conference Center, Eau Claire. Contact Extension Eau Claire County, 715-839-4712
- March 21 Northcentral Technical College Agriculture Center for Excellence, Wausau. Contact Extension Marathon County, 715-261-1230
- March 28 American Legion Hall, Elroy. Contact Extension Juneau County, 608-477-3945

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