

# Summit Program (Subject to Change)

Day 1		Dairy's Role in Advancing California's Sustainability Objectives
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Michael Boccadoro</b>, Executive Director, Dairy Cares</li> </ul>
9:15 AM - 9:45 AM	<b>Disruption in the Food Business and Where Sustainability Fits into the Conversation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Phil Lempert</b>, Founder and Editor, The Lempert Report, Founder and CEO, Retail Dietitians Business Alliance</li> </ul>
9:45 AM - 10:15 AM	<b>The Future of Our Food System: Where Sustainability and Animal Source Foods for Human Nutrition and Health Intersect</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ashley Rosales</b>, Program Director of Nutrition Sciences, Dairy Council of California</li> </ul>
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	<b>Advancing Environmental Performance in California and Across the Globe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. Ermias Kebreab</b>, Professor, Sesnon Endowed Chair in Sustainable Animal Agriculture, University of California, Davis</li> </ul>
10:45 AM - 10:55 AM	<b>Refreshment and Networking Break</b>	Recharge and network during a brief coffee, tea, milk and water break.
11:00 AM - 12:10 PM	<b>Panel Discussion: Are We Walking the Sustainability Talk?</b>	<p>Panelists will discuss consumer expectations, sustainable nutrition, and opportunities to continue advancing sustainability throughout the supply chain—in California and across the globe.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>John Talbot</b>, CEO, California Milk Advisory Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. Greg Miller</b>, Global Science Officer for National Dairy Council</li> <li><b>Fred Schonenberg</b>, CEO, VentureFuel</li> <li><b>Adam Wylie</b>, Associate Director, Environment &amp; Global Responsibility, Leprino Foods Company</li> <li><b>Donna Berry</b>, Owner and Editor at Dairy &amp; Food Communications, Inc.</li> </ul>
12:10 PM - 1:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>	
12:50 PM - 1:20 PM	<b>Luncheon Keynote</b>	
1:20 PM - 1:50 PM	<b>Rethinking Methane: Super Pollutant or Super Opportunity?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. Frank Mitloehner</b>, Professor and Air Quality Specialist, University of California , Davis</li> </ul>
1:50 PM - 2:50 PM	<b>Panel Discussion: Policy Considerations for a Sustainable Dairy Sector</b>	<p>How can California policies promote enhanced environmental protection in ways that are economically sustainable?.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Michael Boccadoro</b>, Executive Director, Dairy Cares</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Kate Gordon</b>, Director, Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Newsom on Climate, Governor's Office of Planning and Research</li> <li><b>Assemblymember Susan Talamantes Eggman</b>, California State Assembly, District 13</li> <li><b>Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia</b>, California State Assembly, District 56</li> <li><b>Patrick Pulupa</b>, Executive Officer, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board</li> <li><b>Samir Sheikh</b>, Executive Director, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District</li> </ul>
2:50 PM - 3:20 PM	<b>Regional Leadership Toward Global Solutions?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Flemming Nør-Pedersen</b>, Executive Director, Danish Agriculture and Food Council</li> </ul>
3:20 PM - 3:40 PM	<b>Refreshment and Networking Break</b>	Recharge and network during a brief coffee, tea, milk and water break.
3:40 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>Day 1 Closing Remarks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Lenny Mendonca</b>, Director, Chief Economic Advisor to Governor Newsom, Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development</li> </ul>
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	<b>Expo Hall Reception</b>	Join us for refreshments, including Real California dairy treats. Network with dairy farmers and industry leaders. Connect with technology and service suppliers that can help the dairy industry continue to address environmental challenges with cost-effective solutions.

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## Day 2

### Strategies and Tools to Advance Sustainability, Improve Efficiency, and Reduce Costs

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

**Breakfast in the Expo Hall**

8:20 AM - 8:30 AM

**Welcome Remarks**

- **Karen Ross**, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture

8:30 AM - 9:20 AM

**Leading the Way Toward Sustainability**

Executives from the nation's leading dairy cooperatives/processors will discuss their visions for sustainability—balancing consumer and customer expectations, along with economic and environmental challenges for producers. Acknowledging the challenges and opportunities ahead, leaders will talk about long-term solutions and pathways for advancing dairy's role in a sustainable and nutritious global food system. Thinking globally, nationally, and locally, this panel will take a comprehensive look at the future—setting the stage for continued collaboration and progress.

Moderator: **Tammy Anderson-Wise**, Chief Executive Officer, Dairy Council of California

- **David Darr**, Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, Dairy Farmers of America
- **Brad Anderson**, President and CEO, California Dairies, Inc.
- **Pete Kappelman**, Senior Vice President, Member and Government Relations, Land O'Lakes, Inc.

9:30 AM - 10:20 AM

**Breakout Sessions**

- **People, Cows and Tech: Tips for implementing automation to maximize efficiency**

Farmers and technology providers will discuss what it takes to not just install technologies, but implement effective changes—helping employees make the most out of their workday and ensuring ultimate cow health and comfort.

Moderator: **Joel Hastings**, Editor and Publisher, DairyBusiness

- **Jonathon Postma**, Managing Partner, Pete Postma and Sons Dairy, GP
- **Preston Vincent**, Dairy XL Development Manager, Lely
- **David Jones**, Robotics Sales Specialist, DeLaval
- **Greg Hooker**, Dairy Farmer, Diamond H Dairy

- **Managing Manure to Create a Circular Fertilizer Economy**

Learn about challenges, developing technologies, potential markets, and opportunities to share surplus manure produced on Central Valley dairies with growers across California's rich and diverse agricultural landscape.

Moderator: **Justin Gioletti**, Dairy Farmer and Vice President, Robert Gioletti & Sons Dairy, Inc.

- **Till Angermann**, Principal Hydrogeologist, Luhdorff and Scalmanini Consulting Engineers
- **James Wallace, P.E., Ph.D.**, SVP – Engineering & Business Development, Newtrient
- **Ruihong Zhang, Ph.D.**, Professor, Biological and Agricultural Engineering, University of California, Davis

- **Grant Funding Showcase**

Learn about significant funding incentives from regional state, and federal agencies. The showcase will provide time for dairy farmers and partners to ask questions from the various agency staff and other private advisors.

- **Ami Gunasekara, Ph.D.**, Science Advisor to the Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture
- **Richard Cernansky**, Agricultural Engineer, USDA-NRCS California
- **Todd DeYoung**, Manager, Strategies and Incentives, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

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- **Dairies and Drinking Water: What you need to know**

Local nitrate management zones will be developing soon, as new regulations are implemented throughout the Central Valley. Hear from legal and water quality experts as they guide farmers in understanding why, how, and when to get involved.

Moderator: **Ray Prock Jr.**, Manager, Ray-Lin Dairy

- **Theresa "Tess" Dunham**, Shareholder, Somach Simmons & Dunn
- **Richard Meyerhoff, Ph.D.**, Senior Water Quality Specialist, GEI
- **J.P. Cativiela**, Administrator, Central Valley Dairy Representative Monitoring Program

- **Sharing Your Farm's Story: Best practices for social media and more.**

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- **Don Schindler**, Senior Vice President of Digital Innovations Dairy Management Inc.
- **Tyler Ribeiro**, Dairy Farmer and Dairy Advocate @cadairydad, Rib-Arrow Dairy
- **Erin Natcher**, Dairy Farmer and Dairy Advocate @ca\_dairy\_wife, Hidden Valley Dairy
- **Stephen Weststeyn**, Dairy Farmer and Dairy Advocate @stepwest1, Weststeyn Dairy

- **Climate-Smart Dairy: Where we are now and where we're headed**

Digester developers and partners will explore avenues for maximizing the environmental benefits of dairy biogas in driving California's clean transportation future.

Moderator: **Michael Boccadoro**, Executive Director, Dairy Cares

- **Neil Black**, President, California Bioenergy
- **Daryl Maas**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Maas Energy Works
- **Rene Urquia**, Environmental Health and Safety Director, Western Milling, LLC

11:30 AM - 12:20 PM **Breakout Sessions**

- **SGMA Strategies: How Dairies Can Best Manage Fast-Approaching Implications of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**

Learn how SGMA will impact dairies and how local groundwater agencies are approaching the challenge. Local experts, a state director, and dairy farmers will discuss the road ahead, surface water availability, and other strategies.

Moderator: **Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel**, Director of Regulatory & Economic Affairs, Milk Producers Councils

- **Taryn Ravazzini**, Deputy Director, Statewide Groundwater Management, California Department of Water Resources
- **Joey Airoso**, Dairy Farmer, Circle A Dairy
- **Jason Gianquinto**, General Manager, Semitropic Water Storage District
- **Scott Petersen**, Water Policy Director, San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority

- **Solving the Enteric Emissions Puzzle: Feed additives, genetics, and other potential solutions**

Further shrinking dairy farm GHGs in the U.S. and other highly productive regions will require practical solutions to reduce enteric methane emissions. A diverse panel of experts will discuss the current research and developments.

Moderator: **Sandra Vijn**, Dairy Director, World Wildlife Fund

- **Ermias Kebreab, Ph.D.**, Professor and Sesnon Endowed Chair in Sustainable Animal Agriculture, University of California, Davis
- **Mark van Nieuwland**, VP and Program Director, DSM Nutritional Products

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- **Ultimate Cow Care: Providing proactive care and maximum comfort**

Veterinarians, dairy farmers, and consultants will share the latest information and resources to help take employee training and overall animal care to the next level—boosting cow comfort, reducing costs, and improving productivity.

- **Lenny De Leon**, Safety & Health Consultant, Zenith Insurance Company
- **Mike Wolf**, DVM, Consulting Veterinarian, VES Environmental Solutions

12:30 PM

### Buffet Lunch in Expo Hall

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

### Luncheon Program

- **Dairy's Future Leaders College Student Writing Contest**

- First Place: **Genevieve Regli**, Sophomore, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- Second Place: **Hayley Fernandes**, Sophomore, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

- **Recognition from Dairy Council of California**

- Assemblymember **Devon Mathis**

- **Recognition of Leadership in Sustainable Partnerships**

- Sustainable Conservation

1:30 PM - 1:50 PM

### Break in Expo Hall

1:50 PM - 2:40 PM

### Breakout Sessions

- **Soil Health and Water Conservation: Exploring effective practices**

Farmers will share their experiences changing practices to boost soil health and water conservation, while maintaining or improving crop yield. Topics include reduced tillage, cover cropping, manure-sub-surface drip, grant programs, and more.

Moderator: **Jenny Lester Moffitt**, Farmer and Undersecretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture

- **Frank Fernandes**, Managing Partner, Legacy Ranches
- **Richard Mayo**, Chief Financial Officer, De Jager FarmmENsF
- **Blake Alexandre**, Owner, Alexandre Family Farm

- **Planning for Farm Succession: Advice for preserving the family and the farm**

Farmers and experienced legal and business advisors will discuss strategies and tools for navigating dairy farm succession and estate planning—keeping the business strong and the family together.

Moderator: **Mathew Francis**, President, Pacific Rim Advisory Group, LLC.

- **Richard Wagner**, Dairy Farmer and Partner, Wagner Dairy, GP
- **Josh Zonneveld**, Managing Partner, Zonneveld Dairies Inc.
- **Ronald H. Melchin, ESQ.**, Owner, Law Offices of Ronald H. Melchin
- **Sean Haynes**, Co-Founder, AgriCFO

- **Energy Costs Are Rising Even Higher: What can we do about it?**

Learn what to expect regarding California's rising energy costs. Energy providers and others will highlight opportunities to combat costs through alternative power sources, renewable energy technologies, and energy efficiency.

Moderator: **Michael Boccadoro**, Executive Director, Dairy Cares

- **Mike Newland**, Director of Agriculture Business Development, Propane Education & Research Council
- **Damon Silva**, VP of Business Development, CalCom Energy

2:50 PM - 3:00 PM

### Closing Remarks