

Leadership Perspective: Dairy's Contribution to Advancing Wellness

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We are experiencing a pivotal and exciting time for dairy health and wellness. While the contribution of dairy foods to healthy eating patterns has long been a priority for the dairy community, evolving consumer interests present a new frontier. People are expecting more benefits from the foods they choose today – foods that help them grow and perform from the earliest start in life; foods that supercharge their digestive health and their cardiovascular system; and foods that provide bone and brain-boosting benefits. This is today's modern concept of holistic wellness. The Innovation Center Board of Directors has come together to address these modern health and wellness demands.

Over the past year, I have chaired a new Health and Well-being Task Force that was convened to take on that charge. Led by research, data, insights, tough discussions, and a commitment to challenging ourselves, we were inspired to reimagine the dairy industry as a holistic health and wellness solution now, next, and into the future – and provide a roadmap to do it.

As [we presented](#) at the Dairy Sustainability Alliance® Spring Meeting, health and wellness is a topic consumers care about. They want to learn about it. They want to succeed in it. In fact, about 50% of consumers report wellness as a top priority in their day-to-day lives.

Recognizing the dairy sector can move further faster together, in June, the Innovation Center Board voted to create a formal Health and Well-being Committee that will build on efforts begun by the Task Force to develop an industry-wide strategy to reassert U.S. dairy's role in modern wellness, delivering dairy nutrition that meets emerging and personalized health needs.

We are very excited about what the future holds. We believe U.S. dairy is in an ideal position to be food first while advancing the science, innovation, products, and outreach needed to help people reach their goals for holistic health and well-being, now, next, and into the future.



Dairy Sustainability Alliance News

Agenda Announced for 2023 Dairy Sustainability Alliance® Fall Meeting

Through the Innovation Center, the U.S. dairy community comes together to reinforce and advance progress in the role dairy plays in wellness and planetary health, while building on a legacy of caring for animals, people, the environment, and communities. The Innovation Center's social responsibility framework helps provide a collective path to transformative good in these areas, and individual U.S. dairy community members take action to advance these shared priorities.



Join us for the [2023 Dairy Sustainability Alliance® Fall Meeting](#), **December 4-5**, in **Charlotte, NC** as we dig into the U.S. dairy community *Sustainability in Action*. We'll explore what actions can help effectively scale conservation practices, examine how we can credibly talk about sustainability actions with consumers, provide examples of ways companies are demonstrating action, and equip attendees with knowledge and skills to apply in their own roles as we all work towards our collective social responsibility commitment. The [full agenda](#) is available now.

We'll kick off the week with an **optional farm tour on Monday afternoon** for a first-hand look at dairying in North Carolina. Space for this tour is limited, but still available, so be sure to indicate your attendance when you register. Once full, new registrants will be added to the waitlist. The Fall Meeting will officially begin with a **Welcome Reception on Monday evening**. Visit <http://AllianceMeeting.USDairy.com> to learn more and to [get registered](#).

Sustainable Agriculture Summit

After the meeting, stick around to join 700+ food and ag professionals for the [2023 Sustainable Agriculture Summit](#) on **December 6-7**. This year's Summit, *Scaling Collective Impact: Collaborating to Accelerate Agricultural Sustainability*, will explore how leveraging the interconnectedness embedded within U.S. agriculture can help us scale our collective action and achieve sustainable outcomes faster, more economically, and more efficiently. A full agenda is available at www.SustainableAgSummit.org.

Standard Registration for the Summit runs through October 31, with single day passes and further discounted rates for farmers, government employees, and students available.

A range of Summit sponsorship opportunities are also available, with more info available in the [2023 Sponsor Prospectus](#).

Registration and Hotel Reminders

Each event will require its own registration, so **if you plan to attend both the Fall Meeting and the Summit, you will need to complete two separate registrations**. However, a \$100 discount is available to those attending both events. **Be sure to register for the Fall Meeting FIRST** and look for your Summit discount code at the very bottom of your Eventbrite registration confirmation email under "Additional Information." If you have any questions or concerns about registering, please contact Tammy.Taylor@dairy.org.

Both events will take place at the Charlotte Convention Center, with an event room block at the Westin Charlotte, so you only need to [make one hotel reservation](#). A special group rate is available until November 13, or until the group block sells out. The block is filling quickly so be sure to reserve your room early to secure this discounted rate.

More information about both meetings is available on their event websites, <https://AllianceMeeting.USDairy.com> and www.SustainableAgSummit.org, or by contacting Angela.Hessinger@dairy.org.



Dairy Sustainability Alliance® Newsletter

Fall 2023

Fall Webinar Series

After a summer hiatus, Dairy Sustainability Alliance webinars are back! Join us this fall as we dive deeper into dairy sustainability across the value chain.

Environmental Project Deep Dive: Dairy Feed in Focus

Wednesday, October 4 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Central

In 2021, as part of the U.S. Dairy Net Zero Initiative, the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy, The Nature Conservancy, and Syngenta embarked on a cross-industry collaboration with dairy farmers to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, improve water quality, and strengthen farm resilience. This webinar will provide a closer look at the *Dairy Feed in Focus* project, its work to enable farmers in Wisconsin and Michigan to adopt soil saving and GHG sequestering practices, as well as plans and resources available for expanding to other states. [Register here](#) to join us.



Accelerating Action: A U.S. Dairy Net Zero Initiative Update

Wednesday, November 8 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Central

In 2020, the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy set industry-wide environmental stewardship goals and the dairy industry embarked upon an ambitious and groundbreaking on-farm effort in support of them: the U.S. Dairy Net Zero Initiative (NZI). NZI is a learning journey that serves as an essential first phase in helping the entire dairy industry to learn, establish, and validate the pathway to meet climate change and environmental challenges head-on through a holistic approach to responsible stewardship of natural resources, unlocking dairy's true potential to address GHG emissions, water efficiency, and water quality on farm and in field. Join us to learn more about the ongoing workstreams and early insights of this multi-year initiative to advance research, analysis, and modeling; establish on-farm pilots; and support scaled impact to propel industry-wide change. [Register here](#) to join us.



Advance Well-Being

Dairy Nourishes America: Connecting Knowledge to Action



September is #HungerActionMonth, a month dedicated to spreading awareness and taking action to end hunger in America. The Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy is partnering with Feeding America to enhance nutrition security and identify and share industry best practices to increase dairy for the millions of people who rely on hunger systems to nourish their families.

In June 2023, **Feeding America**, the dairy community, and partner organizations gathered for the second regional Dairy Nourishes America symposium, held in San Diego, CA. This convening brought together over 100 stakeholders from across 16 states including food bank leaders, dairy industry staff, government agencies, and others to focus on issues and opportunities affecting the distribution of dairy to food-insecure communities. Over the two days, attendees worked to build connections, create partnerships, and break through barriers to drive action that will positively impact communities through dairy. [Click here](#) to learn more and read the symposium report.

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Planning is underway for the 3rd dairy symposium to be held in 2024 in the Eastern U.S. If you desire to create constructive partnerships that can positively impact communities through dairy's nutritional value, consider joining this best-in-class convening to collaborate and create sustainable partnerships between food banks and the dairy community. To learn more, visit DairyNourishesAmerica.org or reach out to Tab.Forgac@dairy.org.

Meeting Consumer Product Expectations

Dairy processors are on the front lines in providing products that deliver dairy nutrition while meeting consumers' emerging and personalized health needs. National Dairy Council (NDC) and other dairy nutrition experts shared their insights to help processors do just that during webinars hosted by *Dairy Processing* and *Dairy Foods*:

Dairy's Role in Health & Wellness *hosted by Dairy Processing*

Learn about the role of dairy foods as part of a health-promoting diet to optimize wellness, the importance of consumer education, and how processors can leverage dairy's inherent nutritional value.

Dairy Processing managing editor Kristen Putch facilitated discussions with NDC's Executive Vice President of Scientific, Regulatory and Nutrition Affairs Dr. Katie Brown, Dairy Council of California Nutrition Science officer Ashley Rosales, and Registered Dietitian and Clinical Nutrition Expert Lauren Twigge. [View an on demand recording](#) of the webinar.



All of the Latest About Sugar Reduction *hosted by Dairy Foods*

Consumer demand for reduced or zero-sugar products continues to rise exponentially each year. This *Dairy Foods* webinar educated viewers about five new sugar reduction strategies, insights into the school milk channel, and debunking of common misperceptions around flavored milk. Speakers included Alex Woo, Founder and CEO of W20, a flavor technology firm, and Katie Bambacht, Vice President of Nutrition Affairs for National Dairy Council.

[View an on demand recording](#) of the webinar.



If you have questions about these webinars, please contact Katie.Brown@dairy.org and Katie.Bambacht@dairy.org.

Dairy on the Global Food Systems Stage

The UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment (UNFSS+2) was held in July to review progress, successes, and challenges countries have faced since the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit in combatting hunger and malnutrition, and building more sustainable, equitable, and resilient food systems.

U.S. dairy was represented by the U.S. Dairy Export Council (USDEC), who focused on deepening engagement with the global voices and organizations shaping the future of world food policy, strengthening U.S. dairy's credibility in delivering high quality nutrition, and emphasizing the key role that trade plays in nourishing the world. They continued to showcase U.S. dairy's achievements and ongoing leadership to reduce emissions and explore opportunities to enhance productivity and make a meaningful impact on the dairy sector's environmental footprint. A key message in those efforts is that a one-size-fits-all policy will not work when it comes to sustainable food systems and nourishing the world.

The UNFSS+2 is one of three major meetings in the second half of 2023. The FAO Global Conference on Sustainable Livestock Transformation takes place in Rome on Sept. 25-27, and COP28 will be held Nov. 30-Dec. 12 in Dubai. USDEC's participation in the UNFSS+2 helps set the table for the two later conferences, building a collaborative strategy with our global allies and demonstrating ongoing U.S. leadership in the area of sustainable food systems.

If you have questions about USDEC's global sustainability efforts, please contact Kelly Sheridan (KSheridan@usdec.org).



Mayo Clinic Diet Webinar Shares Dairy's Benefits to Healthy Aging

Recently, National Dairy Council (NDC) was the educational sponsor of a webinar on healthy aging with the Mayo Clinic Diet, which was hosted by Mayo Clinic's lead dietitian, Tara Schmidt. Tara explained how to apply the fundamental principles of the Mayo Clinic Diet to live a vibrant and fulfilling life, regardless of age. There's also a Q&A session where Tara answers specific questions about the Mayo Clinic Diet, meal plans, and exercise.



Highlights of the webinar include:

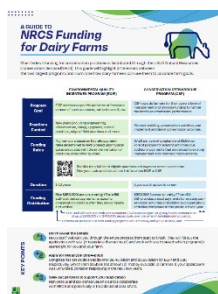
- Discussion of the four pillars of healthy aging, including nutrition, where dairy foods were spotlighted as part of overall healthy eating plans, and dairy was specifically highlighted for its nutrients related to bone and muscle health.
- Education on lactose intolerance by explaining lactose-free dairy options available and the ability for people to use the lactase enzyme to aid digestion. An important point that came across in the webinar was that lactose intolerance often does not mean people cannot have some dairy in their diets – especially if it is with meals. Most people with lactose intolerance have a threshold (individual to each person) of a certain amount of lactose they can consume without symptoms.

A [recording of the webinar](#) is available.

If you have questions about the webinar, please contact Katie.Brown@dairy.org.

Regenerate the Environment

New Guide to NRCS Funding for Dairy Farms Now Available



USDA-NRCS financial assistance programs can be complicated and confusing! The Innovation Center has developed the new [Guide to NRCS Funding for Dairy Farms](#) to break down the difference between two NRCS programs: Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Stewardships Program (CSP). The guide highlights differences between these two farmer-focused programs, explains what each funds, and outlines the enrollment and implementation process. It also includes insider “tips and tricks” for increasing application success. While specifically designed for dairy farmers, this guide can also be a valuable resource for organizations who support farmers in securing funding for conservation practices.

If you have questions about the guide, please contact Bridgett.Hilshey@dairy.org.

Cattle Industry Consortium Awards Grants to Curb Enteric Methane

The [Greener Cattle Initiative](#) (GCI) [has awarded](#) its first series of public-private investments to conduct enteric methane mitigation research. The grants, totaling more than \$7 million and exceeding GCI's initial \$5 million funding expectations, will be distributed across [three awardees](#):

- [Dr. Alexander N. Hristov](#) of The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) to develop new enteric methane inhibitors (naturally occurring or synthetic compounds that, when ingested by cows, can decrease enteric methane emissions) while also exploring ways to efficiently deliver inhibitors to cattle.



- [Dr. Roderick Mackie](#) of The University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign to study how diets and different additives affect hydrogen production and utilization in the rumen of both beef and dairy cattle and how these changes in hydrogen dynamics affect the amount of enteric methane produced. The University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign is contributing additional funding to the project.
- [Dr. Francisco Peñagaricano](#) of the University of Wisconsin – Madison to investigate interventions that address selective breeding, data on milk composition, and rumen microbes to gain the necessary knowledge to inform the selective breeding of U.S. dairy cattle with lower emissions. The [Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding \(CDCB\)](#) is contributing additional funding to the project.

To learn more about the Greener Cattle Initiative or dairy's enteric methane mitigation efforts, please contact Juan.Tricarico@dairy.org.

Extensive Dataset on Enteric Methane Mitigation Strategies to Achieve Dairy Net Zero is Now Available



The [recently published data article](#) “A Global Dataset of Enteric Methane Mitigation Experiments with Lactating and Non-Lactating Dairy Cows Conducted from 1963 to 2022” provides access to the most extensive and up-to-date bibliographic database of scientific publications on enteric methane mitigation in dairy cattle. Juan M. Tricarico, Ph.D., Senior Vice President of Environmental Research and DMI Distinguished Scientist, contributed to the project, which tabulated information on emissions, dairy cow performance and nutritional composition of experimental diets from 213 peer-reviewed publications focused on dairy cow experiments that measured enteric methane emissions. This data resource is available to researchers and dairy

organizations worldwide that seek to evaluate promising options for mitigating enteric methane from dairy cows while maintaining dairy farm economic sustainability.

If you have questions about the article or dairy's enteric methane mitigation efforts, please contact Juan.Tricarico@dairy.org.

USDA Allocates \$65M to Conservation Grants

The U.S. Department of Agriculture [has announced](#) the availability of \$65 million through two funding opportunities for new tools, approaches, practices, and technologies to further natural resource conservation on private lands through the Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program. The grants will be awarded through two CIG program initiatives.



**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Conservation Innovation Grants**

The [CIG On-Farm Trials initiative](#) will distribute \$50 million, prioritizing programs that address irrigation water management technologies, nutrient management, feeding management and enteric methane reduction, grazing lands, and soil health demonstration trials.

The remaining \$15 million will be available [through CIG Classic](#) which will prioritize forestry, habitat conservation and restoration for wildlife and invertebrates, managing agricultural lands to improve local water quality, energy conservation, economics, and efforts to strengthen conservation using indigenous knowledge. Strong consideration will be given to projects benefiting historically underserved entities and individuals.

Non-federal entities and individuals are eligible to apply. **USDA is now accepting applications through Oct. 30.**

Deadline Approaching: Research RFP for Sustainable Forage and Feed Production

As part of efforts to support the U.S. dairy industry in reaching its collective environmental stewardship goals and accelerating voluntary action on farm to reduce environmental impacts, Dairy Management Inc. (DMI) issued a [call for research proposals](#) on sustainable dairy feed and forage production. DMI invites researchers and experts in the field to submit proposals for innovative studies that explore novel approaches, technologies, and practices that enhance the sustainability and minimize the environmental impacts of dairy feed production systems.

Additional details, including eligibility and submission guidelines, are [linked in the RFP PDF](#). **The deadline for submissions is October 13.**

If you have questions about the Sustainable Forage and Feed Production RFP, please contact Reza.Afshar@dairy.org.

Royal Dairy Added as Third NZI Dairy Scale for Good Pilot Farm



In June, **Nestlé** announced an expansion of its partnership with the U.S. Dairy Net Zero Initiative (NZI) through [a new collaboration](#) between Nestlé Health Science and dairy farmer Austin Allred of Royal Dairy in Washington. Nestlé Health Science is supporting innovation at Royal Dairy in the areas of cow feed, manure management, renewable energy, and regenerative agriculture, while the farm joins the company's family of dairy suppliers for its Carnation Breakfast Essentials® nutritional powder drink mix.

This collaboration makes Royal Dairy the third pilot farm in NZI's Dairy Scale for Good pillar, which aims to demonstrate practices and technologies that are sustainable, feasible, and economically viable on a commercial dairy farm. Nestlé also partners with NZI on the Trinkler Dairy Farm Dairy Scale for Good pilot in California.

Fellow NZI Dairy Scale for Good partner, **Starbucks**, is working with dairy farmer Jan Henderson of Alliance Dairies in Florida to implement a full suite of technologies and practices, as well as with the University of Florida, where researchers are [conducting a study](#) determining the ability of measuring daily feed intake and resulting enteric methane emissions to detect reductions in methane production expected from utilizing the feed additive Rumensin. Additional feed additives are also being vetted for testing to increase the options available for farmers. Results from this work will help to ensure that enteric mitigation practices are effective and economical in a controlled research environment before applying these practices on the farm.

To learn more about the U.S. Dairy Net Zero Initiative and how your organization can partner with us, please contact Jacqi.Coleman@dairy.org.

Yara North America and Dairy Management Inc. Launch First-of-its-Kind Soil Health Collaboration

Dairy Management Inc. (DMI) and **Yara North America** have [launched a unique soil health collaboration](#) to explore the use of organic fertilizers derived from manure for the benefit of soil health and regenerative nutrient management practices. The partnership will complement the U.S. Dairy Net Zero Initiative (NZI) [Dairy Soil & Water Regeneration](#) (DSWR) project, and experiments will be conducted to parallel the outcomes of the DSWR soil health, nutrient management, and environmental efforts.

Trialing is underway at Yara's Incubator Farm in Auburn, Alabama, and benefits of manure-derived fertilizers in combination with mineral fertilizers will be evaluated to determine their positive impact on water use efficiency, nutrient use efficiency, and crop yield and quality. Insights and findings from these trials will be shared across the dairy industry and others involved in NZI.

If you have questions about this partnership, please contact Jacqi.Coleman@dairy.org.



U.S. Dairy Partners with Global Counterparts to Support Dairy-Friendly Policies in International Forums

The U.S. Dairy Export Council (USDEC) and National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Italian dairy organization Associazione Italiana Lattiero Casearia (Assolatte) strengthening cooperation between the two nations' dairy sectors. The deal centers on defending the image of dairy and ensuring that dairy voices are heard within the European and Italian governments as well as the United States. The MOU focuses on preventing lab-created products from using dairy terms for milk and dairy products, advocating for international standards and guidelines that recognize the contributions of the global dairy industry to sustainable food systems, nutrition, and promoting science-based policies around the world.

“This agreement is an important step in growing our voice as we continue to call for fair, science-based policies that support sustainable growth for dairy producers and manufacturers around the world,” USDEC President and CEO Krysta Harden said in [a joint press release](#) on the agreement.

The initial term of the Assolatte MOU is through 2025. It is the latest in a series of cooperative agreements USDEC has made with foreign dairy groups to support dairy-friendly policies in international forums.

If you have questions about USDEC's global sustainability efforts, please contact Kelly Sheridan (KSheridan@usdec.org).

FARM Program Progress on Standards Updates for 2024

The National Dairy Farmers Assuring Responsible Management (FARM) Program continues to progress toward standards updates in its Environmental Stewardship, Animal Care, and Workforce Development program areas for 2024.



Environmental Stewardship

FARM Environmental Stewardship (ES) continues efforts to integrate the Ruminant Farm System (RuFaS) model into Version 3. Transitioning to this process-based model will position FARM ES as a best-in-class GHG accounting tool, providing sophisticated farm-level environmental and economic insights to support informed decision-making about the adoption of climate-friendly practices and technology. A representative Working Group of farmers, co-op staff, and processor staff meets regularly to inform this evolution of FARM ES.

On-farm field testing of the scientific model began with six farms in 2022. The second round of on-farm model validation for the RuFaS model – “Cohort 2 Testing” – has begun with 20-25 volunteer farms representing a variety of geographies and production styles. In partnership with the DMI environmental research team, FARM ES evaluators were trained on data collection for the model validation effort. The on-farm model validation will be important to refine the model and collect valuable feedback to help build out FARM ES V3 output reports, evaluator training, and other resources.

In addition to model validation efforts, the FARM Program is actively working with its IT developer on software upgrades to accommodate the new scientific model, and will also be developing a new FARM ES evaluator training curriculum and accompanying materials.

Animal Care

FARM Animal Care (AC) Version 5 goes into effect July 1, 2024. The Version 5 standards will include minor refinements and clarifications that will improve consistency in FARM AC on-farm evaluations. Descriptions of the new standards and related action plans are available for download [here](#). Additional resources, such as new Evaluation Prep Guides, Animal Care Manuals, and Participant Handbooks, will roll out in January 2024.

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Workforce Development

The FARM Workforce Development Program will also be developing new materials for release in July 2024.

Updates on [FARM ES V3](#) and [FARM AC V5](#) development can be found on the FARM Program's [website](#).

Care for Our Animals & Communities

Food Safety is Everyone's Business

You're never too big or too small to grow your business safely! The Innovation Center's Food Safety Committee, which has been driving the industry-wide identification and adoption of world class food safety practices and initiatives for more than a decade, has several sub-groups exclusively focused on helping Artisan/Farmstead producers of Cheese and Ice Cream. These companies are often growing quickly but are also really pressed for time and resources. In addition to the guides, templates, and educational resources available at www.safeicecream.org, www.safecheesemaking.org, and www.usdairy.com/artisan, the team also offers FREE help through bi-weekly small group [Q&A sessions](#) and one-on-one coaching by emailing dairyfoodsafety@cornell.edu. Upcoming sessions include:

Verification and Records:	September 28 from 3-4 p.m. EST
Allergen Controls:	October 9 from 10-11 a.m. EST
Supplier Controls:	October 19 from 3-4 p.m. EST
Hazard Analysis:	November 13 from 10-11 a.m. EST
Environmental Monitoring:	November 16 from 3-4 p.m. EST
Recall Plans:	December 11 from 10-11 a.m. EST

And be sure to check out the interactive food safety breakout session at this year's [Dairy Sustainability Alliance® Fall Meeting](#) where we'll review the importance of food safety, its impact on consumers, the effect a single event can have on the health of the dairy industry, and arm you with practices and tools to protect not only your consumers but also the reputation of your company and the industry.

If you have questions about the Innovation Center's food safety resources, please contact Tim.Stubbs@dairy.org.

USDA Announces Launch of NextGen Program to Build Pool of Future Food and Ag Professionals

In June, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) [announced](#) a \$262.5 million investment in institutions of higher education to foster the next generation of diverse agricultural professionals across the nation. The National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) "*From Learning to Leading: Cultivating the Next Generation of Diverse Food and Agriculture Professionals Program*" (NextGen) will enable eligible institutions to build and sustain the next generation of food, agriculture, natural resources, and human sciences workforce. This includes efforts to strengthen USDA's workforce through enhanced educational support, experiential learning, and exposure to early career opportunities. The investment will provide training and support to more than 20,000 future food and agricultural leaders through 33 project partners.

Extra Moos

U.S. Prepares to Host 2023 IDF World Dairy Summit

Next month, Chicago will play host to the [International Dairy Federation \(IDF\) World Dairy Summit](#), the world's biggest dairy conference. The Summit, which will take place October 16-19, provides an opportunity to showcase the dairy sector's innovations in sustainability, nutrition and health, standards, safety, and quality, to accomplish its purpose of nourishing the world with safe, nutritious, and sustainable foods.

Thought leaders and industry executives share their new approaches to meet today's challenges and chart a path toward a prosperous future, with U.S. dairy prevalent on the agenda:

- Innovation Center Board Chair and Leprino Foods President & CEO, **Mike Durkin**, will join a panel on dairy processing around the work and what dairy can do today and in the future to drive consumption and help shape consumer expectations.
- Innovation Center Board Member and Hilmar Cheese Company President & CEO, **David Ahlem**, will share his experience and practical recommendations as part of a panel exploring technologies and opportunities for increasing water efficiency and reuse for dairy farmers and processors.
- Global dairy leaders, including DMI and Innovation Center President and CEO **Barbara O'Brien**, will discuss the future for global dairy production, innovations, and more.
- **Jaime Casataneda**, Executive Vice President of Policy Development and Strategy for USDEC and NMPF, will be part of a panel addressing the top risks for trade disruption and offering insights on how to overcome those challenges.
- DMI's Senior Vice President of Product Science, **Bill Graves**, will moderate a panel to explore dairy's opportunities to contribute to the circular economy by upcycling dairy byproducts into bioplastics, biofuels, and renewable green chemicals.
- IDF will announce the winners of the 2023 IDF Dairy Innovation Awards. Cheer on the two U.S. finalists: Georgia's **Hillcrest Farms** and Minnesota's **Milk Specialties Global**. The IDF Dairy Innovation Awards aim to showcase the dairy industry's engagement and dynamism on a global scale, providing a unique platform to highlight innovative processes, practices, and products that not only enhance efficiency but also contribute to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Following the Summit, technical tours offer attendees the opportunity to see various aspects of the U.S. dairy first-hand, with tours around Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana.



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IDF World Dairy Summit
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Join us in Chicago to see even more ways U.S. dairy is featured at the Summit. Registration is still available on the [event website](#).

This is the first time since 1993 that the U.S. has hosted the IDF World Dairy Summit, which provides a vital forum for dairy leaders, experts, farmers, processors, traders, and journalists worldwide to discuss how to further advance the collective global dairy sector forward in a positive, sustainable way.

For more information about the 2023 IDF World Dairy Summit, visit www.idfwds2023.com. For more information about IDF, visit www.fil-idf.org. For more information about U.S. dairy's role in the 2023 Summit, please contact Nick Gardner (NGardner@usdec.org).

Upcoming Events

Oct. 1-6	World Dairy Expo	Madison WI
Oct. 4 <i>1:30-2:30 p.m. Central</i>	Webinar: Environmental Project Deep Dive: Dairy Feed in Focus Click here to register.	
Oct. 12	National Farmers Day	
Oct. 13	DEADLINE: Research RFP for Sustainable Forage and Feed Production Submissions Due Click here for RFP and submission details.	
Oct. 16-19	IDF World Dairy Summit	Chicago, IL
Oct. 30	DEADLINE: USDA CIG Applications Due Click here to register.	
Oct. 31	DEADLINE: Standard Registration Rate Ends for Sustainable Agriculture Summit Click here to register.	
Nov. 8 <i>10-11:30 a.m. Central</i>	Webinar: Accelerating Action: A U.S. Dairy Net Zero Initiative Update Click here to register.	
Nov. 13	DEADLINE: Hotel Block Closes for Dairy Sustainability Alliance Fall Meeting & Sustainable Agriculture Summit Reserve your room at the group rate.	
Dec. 1	DEADLINE: Late Registration Rate Ends for Sustainable Agriculture Summit Click here to register.	
Dec. 5	2023 Dairy Sustainability Alliance® Fall Meeting	Charlotte, NC
Dec. 6-7	2023 Sustainable Agriculture Summit	Charlotte, NC
April 17-18, 2024	2024 Dairy Sustainability Alliance® Spring Meeting	Rosemont, IL
Ongoing	Food Safety Basics for Ice Cream Makers Online Training Course	Online Training
Ongoing	Food Safety Basics for Artisan Cheesemakers Online Training Course	Online Training