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2019 Pennsylvania Dairy Summit Speaker Line Up Announced

Program to Include Insight from Headlining Speakers to “Follow Your Compass”

Harrisburg, Pa. – It’s easy to get off course in the volatile and ever-changing dynamics existing in today’s dairy industry. The 2019 Pennsylvania Dairy Summit program will offer encouragement and guidance to help dairy producers and industry leaders who attend “follow your compass.” This year’s Dairy Summit is scheduled for February 5 and 6, 2019 at the Lancaster Marriott Conference Center.

Hosted annually by the Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania and Center for Dairy Excellence, this premier dairy event offers insight on the latest technology and management insight to enhance individual dairy operations, while offering views on industry dynamics and the factors shaping agriculture in the US. The speaker line up for the 2019 Dairy Summit includes:

Haydn Shaw, author of "Sticking Points: How to Get 4 Generations Working Together in the 12 Places They Come Apart", will speak on “Leading Through Change”. This will include the process of leading through the six change reactions, so you can make change more efficient and effective. Hailed as a "leadership guru" by the Washington Post, Shaw is known for taking groups from hilarity to deep reflection by combining rich content with use-tomorrow tools. He has also authored the books “Expert in Generations” and “6 Change Reactions, Productivity and Leaders”, and been highlighted by TED Talks.

Tom Wall, known as the “Dairy Coach”, will be featured with his presentation on “Motivating Your Team”. He has been working with dairies throughout the country for over 17 years, helping managers create and implement simple systems that work while training and coaching their employees. Wall, based out of Green Bay, owns and operates Dairy Coach, LLC, and has been a regular columnist with publications such as Dairy Herd Management and Progressive Dairyman. He is also the creator of the “Details for Dairy” training video series, Dairy Interactive Milker Training simulator, and employee on-boarding app PeopleCOR.

Phil Clemens, of Hatfield Quality Meats, will share his insights and experience in the Summit Business Showcase. He will discuss the challenges he has faced in a business and in agriculture, all while offering advice on how to grow business and family dynamics. Clemens is the CEO of Clemens Family Corporation and Hatfield Quality Meats. He has served the company as the Family Business Ambassador chairman, as well as sitting on the Board of Trustees for Lancaster Bible College.

John Brubaker, a native of Lancaster County, will share his insights and experience in the Producer Showcase. Now a resident of Buhl, Idaho, Brubaker has been a lifelong dairy producer and co-owns Knott-Run Dairy, LLC with his sons. In 1988, Brubaker was awarded as the Pennsylvania Master Farmer for his service in the industry. Now, as an active member for DMI, he serves as the chairman of the Export Committee and Oversight Committee. In addition, he is actively involved with the national and state dairy promotion boards.

Dr. David Dworak, deputy provost at the U.S. Army War College, will speak on “Reaching Your Leadership Potential”. This session will focus on local Pennsylvania history, insights of leading diverse organizations, dealing with complex environments, and goal setting. As a retired US Colonel, Dworak has experience in supply chain management, logistics, program management, and worldwide multi-modal distribution. He currently teaches graduate level classes at the U.S. Army War College.

To learn more about the program and to view highlights of the 2019 Pennsylvanian Dairy Summit program, go to padairysummit.org. Contact the Pennsylvania Dairy Summit Business Office with questions at 814-355-2467 or email info@padairysummit.org.

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The Center for Dairy Excellence is a non-profit organization initiated by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in 2004. Bringing together people from more than 40 different dairy organizations in Pennsylvania, the center’s mission is to enhance the profitability of the dairy industry by empowering people, creating partnerships, and increasing the availability and use of resources. Learn more at centerfordairyexcellence.org.