

Keynote Speaker Bios



Andrew McCrea

Andrew McCrea is a fifth generation farmer and rancher. He tills the same ground his great-great grandfather, an immigrant from Italy, farmed a century ago. Andrew is the past chairman of the Missouri Beef Industry Council and a past representative to the U.S. Meat Export Federation. He is also a member of the National Association of Farm Broadcasters where he is a five-time winner of the Oscar in Agriculture.

Andrew's broadcasting travels have taken him to places such as China, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Russia and Azerbaijan. He shares insights from the perspective of the American farmer, but also has a global perspective on the factors affecting producers here. He can share stories, facts, sights and sounds from his travels in a down-to-earth way that leaves audiences better informed and feeling positive about the difference they can make in the industry.



Temple Grandin Ph.D.

Dr. Grandin is an internationally recognized designer of livestock handling facilities and an Associate Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. In North America, almost half of the cattle are handled in a center track restrainer

system that she designed for meat plants. Curved chute and race systems she has designed for cattle are used worldwide and her writings on the flight zone and other principles of grazing animal behavior have helped many people to reduce stress on their animals during handling. She has also developed an objective scoring system for assessing handling of cattle and pigs at meat plants. This scoring system is being used by many large corporations to improve animal welfare.

She obtained her B.A. at Franklin Pierce College and her M.S. in Animal Science at Arizona State University. Dr. Grandin received her Ph.D. in Animal Science from the University of Illinois in 1989. Today she teaches courses on livestock behaviour and facility design at Colorado State University and consults with the livestock industry on facility design, livestock handling, and animal welfare. She is the author of "Thinking in Pictures", "Livestock Handling and Transport," and "Genetics and the Behavior of Domestic Animals."

Featured Speaker Bios



Allen Bridges, Ph.D.

Dr. Allen Bridges is the State Extension Specialist in Reproduction. Originally from Missouri, Allen received his B.S. in Animal Science from the University of Missouri, M.S. from the University of Florida, and Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. Dr. Bridges' extension program involves educating and encouraging producers to utilize reproductive management tools to improve the reproductive performance of their livestock operations.

Dr. Bridges' research program is aimed at developing ways to improve reproductive efficiency in livestock species by identifying factors affecting fertility. His laboratory implements an integrated research approach, utilizing both applied and basic research methodologies. Currently, his research program is investigating methods to manipulate follicular wave dynamics in cattle to optimize fertility, developing novel timed insemination programs that promote high fertility in cows and heifers, and determining the impact of nutrition on reproductive processes.



Dennis Buckmaster, Ph.D.

Dr. Dennis R. Buckmaster is an Associate Professor in Agricultural and Biological Engineering at Purdue University. He earned a B.S. in Agricultural Engineering from Purdue University and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Agricultural Engineering from Michigan State University.

For 17 years prior to coming to Purdue as an Associate Professor, Dr. Buckmaster was a faculty member at Penn State University. During this time, he researched hay and silage harvest and storage, total mixed ration delivery systems, and horticultural mechanization, and taught numerous courses. Dr. Buckmaster is a member of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers, the American Forage and the Grassland Council, Fluid Power Society; he is a registered professional engineer and certified hydraulic specialist.



Dan Buskirk, Ph.D.

Dr. Buskirk received B.S. and M.S. degrees from Purdue University, and his PhD from the University of Illinois. He is employed by the Michigan State University, Department of Animal Science. His responsibilities in the department are split between Research and Extension activities.

Dr. Buskirk's program emphasizes the improvement of profitability and competitive advantages of stocker and cow/calf operations in Michigan. The focus of this extension and research program is to work on areas that advance a coordinated, sustainable beef production system in the eastern Corn Belt. This has availed opportunities to work not only on Michigan-based teams, but to also align with others in the eastern corn belt region in both extension and research programs.



James K. Drackley, Ph.D.

Dr. Drackley is Professor of Animal Sciences and Nutritional Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Director of the Midwest Dairy Consortium. Dr. Drackley grew up on a small dairy farm in southwestern Minnesota, and received his B.S. in Dairy Production and his M.S. in Dairy Science from South Dakota State University. He received his Ph.D. in Nutritional Physiology from Iowa State University in 1989, and joined the faculty of the University of Illinois in 1989.

Drackley's research program centers on dry period nutrition and metabolism of transition cows, metabolism in the liver of ruminant animals, lipid utilization and metabolism in ruminants, and aspects of calf nutrition and management. Drackley has many publications to his credit, including several books. Dr. Drackley has received numerous awards for his research and teaching, including the 2002 American Feed Industry Award for Excellence in Dairy Cattle Nutrition Research and the 2007 Nutrition Professionals, Inc. Applied Dairy Nutrition Award from the American Dairy Science Association (ADSA).

Jason Karszes

Jason Karszes is a farm management specialist with the PRO-DAIRY Program at Cornell University. Jason began working for PRO-DAIRY in 1998, after working the previous seven years as the farm management educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension on the Erie-Wyoming Dairy-Livestock Team. He began working for extension in 1991, after he had completed his B.S. and M.S. degrees in farm management and production economics from Cornell University in 1989 and 1991. His extension, teaching, and research efforts have centered on financial performance analysis and decision making programs for dairy farms and the use of Cornell's Dairy Farm Business Summary and Analysis Program, working with a wide spectrum of dairy producers. Along with the whole farm financial analysis program, he has worked on developing management training programs for dairy producers and facilitates several business discussion groups centered on financial performance. With a focus on management training, he coordinates the Cornell Dairy Executive Program. Jason has also spent time working in the fields of business expansion, personnel management, estate planning, and dairy replacement analysis.



Lucinda Williams

Lucinda Williams is the 2009 Chairperson of the Cattlemen's Beef Board (CBB). Williams has been a member of the CBB since her nomination by beef organizations in the Northeast Region and her appointment by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture in 2004. Williams is married to a 12th-generation dairy producer and farmer in Hatfield, Mass., where they run their 220-acre family owned farm, which dates back to 1661. She has been active in the dairy and beef industry in Massachusetts and the Northeast, as well, in organizations including Agri-Mark, for which she served as YC president in 2002-03; Farm Bureau; Genex; and Farm Credit. Williams is also very active in her church, the local school district, and PEO, a women's educational organization. In addition to serving as Beef Board Vice Chairman in 2008, Williams chairs the Beef Board Executive Committee and serves on the Beef Promotion Operating Committee.

W. Kess Berg, Ph.D.

Kess Berg grew up on a farm near Wapakoneta, OH, and completed his Crop and Soil Science undergraduate studies at Ohio State University in 1996. Kess moved on to Purdue to complete his M.S. and Ph.D. in Agronomy / Crop Physiology, completing research in soil potassium and phosphorus availability and uptake by alfalfa. Dr. Berg is employed by A&L Great Lakes Laboratories, Inc. where he is an area agronomist, and is responsible for clients in Indiana and Illinois. At A&L, Dr. Berg also presents Agronomy Workshops.

Other Invited Speakers

Governor Mitch Daniels
 Joe Moore, IBCA Marketing & Consumer Education Director
 Michelle Plummer, MPSI, Relationship Specialist
 Liz Woodruff, Industry Image & Relations Communication Specialist
 American Dairy Association of Indiana Dairy & Nutrition Council
 Dr. Bret Marsh, State Veterinarian, Board of Animal Health
 Jack Fritz, Dairy Producer
 Steve Carr, Beef Producer

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Convention Rate
 \$99.00 per night plus tax
 (Must book before 1/27/09 for special rate)

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A 2-Day Joint Symposium & Annual Business Meeting Uniting the Beef, Dairy & Forage Industries



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Have we got an opportunity for you! To hear from some of the best agricultural spokespersons in the country, learn from researchers from across the country and meet fellow producers from across the state—from the beef, dairy and forage industries.

In 2009, the Indiana Beef Cattle Association is working alongside the Indiana Professional Dairy Producers Association, Milk Promotion Services of Indiana Inc., and the Indiana Forage Council, to showcase the second annual "Indiana Cattle and Forage Symposium". The uniting of Indiana beef, dairy and forage industries with take place again with a symposium on February 27-28, 2009 at a new location: the Indianapolis Hilton North. All producers are invited and encouraged to attend this exciting event.

The meetings will be highlighted by national and regional speakers, and will also encompass a Hoosier flair with the traditional Annual Business Meetings and awards celebrations.

This years event will feature some very special guests including famed animal behaviorist Temple Grandin, PhD. Dr. Grandin received her PhD in Animal Science from the University of Illinois in 1989. Today she teaches courses on livestock behavior and facility design at Colorado State University and consults with the livestock industry on facility design, livestock handling, and animal welfare. She has appeared on television shows such as 20/20, 48 Hours, CNN Larry King Live, and has been featured in People Magazine, the New York Times, Forbes, U.S. News and World Report, and Time Magazine. Interviews with Dr. Grandin have been broadcast on National Public Radio. She has also authored over 300 articles in both scientific journals and livestock periodicals on animal handling, welfare, and facility design.

Other featured speakers will include dairy industry experts Jason Karszes and Dr. Jim Drackley, reproduction expert, Dr. Allen Bridges, beef industry representative Lucinda Williams and forage industry experts Dr. Dennis Buckmaster, Dr. Dan Buskirk and Dr. Kess Berg.

Symposium registration is available by completing the attached registration form or by visiting www.indianabeef.org. For more information contact Ginny Tauer at 317/293-2333.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this exciting second annual event on February 27-28, 2009. Please contact the IBCA office with questions!

Symposium Agenda

Friday, February 27, 2009

8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Registration and Tradeshow
9:30 am-10:20 am	Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Board of Animal Health, Indiana State Department of Agriculture
10:30 am-11:20 am	Beef Checkoff Update—Lucinda Williams How to Reduce Forage Loss; Harvest through Storage—Dennis Buckmaster, PhD
11:20 am – 11:30 am	Break
11:35am-12:30pm	Annual Association Business Meetings
12:35 pm-1:45 pm	Lunch, Governor Mitch Daniels (invited), Commodity Group Welcomes
2 pm – 3 pm	General Session & Keynote Speaker, Farming from the Consumer's Point of View—Andrew McCrea
3 pm – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm – 4 pm	How to Reduce Forage Loss After Storage—Dan Buskirk, PhD

Friday, February 27, 2009

3:15 pm – 4 pm	Accelerated Growth in Dairy Calves with Implications on Lifetime Production—Jim Drackely, PhD Using Leadership to Work With the Non-Ag Community—Andrew McCrea Cooking Demonstrations—Joe Moore, Michelle Plummer
4 pm – 5 pm	Tradeshow
4:30 pm	Cooking demonstrations in Trade Show
5 pm – 6pm	Reception/Tradeshow
6 pm	Tradeshow closes
6 pm – 9pm	Awards Banquet Entertainment

Saturday, February 28, 2009

7 am – 8:15 am	Breakfast IBCA Awards Breakfast
7:30 am	Forage Spokesperson Contest
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Forage Panel Discussion—Opportunities with Annual Forages—Jack Fritz, Dairy Producer, Steve Carr, Beef Producer, Moderator: Keith Johnson, Purdue University Forage Specialist Community Relations Training—Liz Woodruff
9:30 am – 10 am	Break
10 am – 10:50 am	Expectations of a Soil Fertility Program—Kess Berg, PhD, A&L Great Lakes Laboratories Managing Dairy Business with Increasing Variability in Profits—Jason Karszes Beef Reproduction—Allen Bridges, PhD
11 am – 12:30 pm	General Session & Keynote Speaker, Animal Handling and Behavior—Temple Grandin, PhD
12:30 pm	Lunch & Door Prizes

Yes! I will be attending the 2009
Indiana Cattle & Forage Symposium!

Registration by 2/2/09 (Includes all meals.)	Registration After 2/2/09 (Includes all meals.)	Purchasing Meals Only (Only meal plan - not attending seminar)
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