

Midwest Dairy School Transitioning to Organic

Date: Thursday, March 26, 2009

Check-in 9:15-9:30 a.m.

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: The Dairy Center - Calmar,
Room 115

Fee: \$29

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- 10:20-11:15 a.m. Herd Health
Dr. Guy Jodarski
- 11:20 a.m.-12:10 p.m. Yes, You Can Balance
a Ration, *Tom Weaver*
- 12:15-1:10 p.m. Lunch and Exhibits
- 1:15-1:40 p.m. How do I certify organic?
Jackie Von Ruden
- 1:45-2:15 p.m. Organic Producer Panel
- 2:15-3 p.m. Touching Feed, Touching
Cows, *Dr. Guy Jodarski &
Tom Weaver*



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Northeast Iowa Community College provides equal opportunities for admission, employment, and participation in programs and activities without regard to gender, race, age, disability, religion, marital status, or national origin.

Northeast Iowa Community College and The Northeast Iowa Community Based Dairy Foundation will be hosting an important and timely school for the dairy producer who is currently producing organic milk or exploring transitioning to organic production. The primary focus of the School will be helping existing producers in all areas of organic dairy production and giving those who are considering converting to organic and want to learn more about it, a good overview.

This is the place to get your questions addressed.

Presentations

What are Healthy Soils? Bob Yanda

Mr. Yanda will address specific tactics as well as new levels of sophistication behind the core issues of nitrogen management, soil tilth and structure, nutrient balance, biological activity and maximizing photosynthesis.

Herd Health Dr. Guy Jodarski

Dr. Jodarski introduces herd health for the organic dairy with an emphasis on disease prevention and treatment. Materials and approaches for common herd health challenges – what is allowed for organic herds and proper use. This is a strong look at disease prevention through proper nutrition and management.

Yes, You Can Balance a Ration Tom Weaver

Mr. Weaver will introduce the benefits of learning to formulate, monitor and adjust your dairy farms rations on your own – independently. Tom will present the reasons why dairy producers can and need to know this basic skill.

How do I certify organic? Jackie Von Ruden

Transitioning to organic and starting the certification process can be a little overwhelming. Jackie will address how to certify organic and cover the basics of ‘going organic’, and getting certified. Bring your questions and roadblocks for an expert to help solve.

If you are interested in participating as a sponsor or securing an exhibitors table at the Midwest Dairy School– Transitioning to Organic, please contact NICC Program Manager Mary Steen, 800.728.2256 ext. 341 or steenm@nicc.edu no later than Tuesday, March 17, 2009.

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Presenters

Bob Yanda, Midwestern Bio-Ag

As owner of consultant of Midwestern Bio-Ag, Bob has been consulting on biological and organic farms for almost two decades. He has lectured on nutrient efficiency and accelerated biological processes and improved soils throughout the Midwest, Canada and South Africa.

He brings an in depth knowledge of soils, soil tests, fertilizers and complete farm fertilizer programs. He also has a background in dairy nutrition and ration balancing.

Guy Jodarski, DVM

Based in Neillsville, WI, Dr. Jodarski serves as a staff Veterinarian for Organic Valley CROPP Cooperative. He works in organic and sustainable livestock practice with an emphasis in dairy cattle herd health. Dr. Jodarski has been in practice for 21 years. Dr. Jodarski enjoys teaching how to keep food animals healthy without the use of antibiotics, synthetic hormones and chemicals.

Tom Weaver, KOW Consulting

As a Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) and a dairy nutritionist, Tom consults and provides services on farm technical troubleshooting and provides KOW educational programs and newsletter information. He covers NE Iowa, SE Minnesota, parts of Wisconsin and Missouri. Mr Weaver is a council member for the Wisconsin Association of Professional Ag Consultants (WAPAC). Check out his website at www.kowconsulting.com

Jackie Von Ruden, MOSA Certifier

Jackie originates from a Texas farming background with a degree in agricultural education. Jackie is Farm Certification Manager, an organic farm and processing inspector, and conducts a variety of outreach and educational programs for Midwest Organic Services Association (MOSA). She works on the OMRI Livestock Materials Review Panel and their Advisory Council. Jackie has attended National Organic Standards board meetings and serves on Accredited Certifier Association working groups.

The effectiveness of the Midwest Dairy School – Transitioning to Organic will be enhanced by a panel of organic dairy producers sharing their challenges and successes.

Organic Producer Panel

Moderated by Dave Lawstuen, Chair of Dairy Operations and NICC Dairy Science Faculty

Dave received his Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Master of Science in Dairy Cattle Genetics/Statistics from the University of Minnesota. He worked as a Dairy Geneticist for nine years in upstate New York before coming to NICC in 1995.

Dave is a member of the American Dairy Science Association and International Society of Embryo Transfer. Dave and his family raise Registered Black Angus cattle and live on his family farm in Lanesboro, MN.culture.

Touching Feed, Touching Cows How to assess the health of the cow

Dr. Jodarski will demonstrate the physical examination of cattle. How to assess a cow’s health status by doing a thorough exam of the major body systems. Also, common methods of organic treatment – application of allowed natural remedies – approaches and techniques.

Forage physical evaluation

Mr. Weaver will demonstrate forage physical evaluation for use in ration formulation, to estimate potential digestibility to compliment lab analysis.

Special thanks to Al Hass and Organic Valley for their input into the development of this event.

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