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2016 Maine Dairy Seminar & MDIA Annual Meeting



Free!
With
Advanced
Registration
By 3/7/16

Tuesday
March 15, 2016

Located at the
Elks Lodge
Waterville, ME

Co-sponsors:

Maine Dairy Industry Association
and
University of Maine
Cooperative Extension

Dairy Seminar Agenda

Schedule of Events

9:00 AM	Registration, Refreshments, and Trade Show
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9:30 AM	Management and Nutritional Strategies for Dry and Transition Cows. <i>Gabriella Varga, Pennsylvania State University, State College PA</i>
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10:30 AM	MDIA Annual Meeting <i>Election of Officers</i> <i>Legislative Update</i> <i>MDIA Projects and Activities</i>
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11:30 AM	Maine Dairy Shrine Awards
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11:45 AM	Introduction of Trade Show Participants
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12:00 PM	Buffet Lunch and Trade Show
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1:20 PM	Update from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
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1:30 PM	2014 Maine Dairy Farm Family of the Year Virtual Tour <i>Silver Valley Farm</i> <i>The Davis Family</i> <i>New Sharon, ME</i>
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1:45 PM	What Early Adopters Are Saying About No-till Corn Silage Production <i>John Jemison and Richard Kersbergen, University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Orono, ME</i>
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2:15 PM	Feeding and Monitoring Performance of the Fresh Cow. <i>Gabriella Varga, Pennsylvania State University, State College PA</i>
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3:30 PM	Questions and Adjourn
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Gabriella Varga



Featured Speakers

Gabriella A. Varga is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Dairy and Animal Science at Penn State University where she has been a member of the faculty since 1985. Dr. Varga received her bachelor's degree in biology from Duquesne University, her master's degree in animal science from the University of Rhode Island and her doctorate in animal science from the University of Maryland. She has held faculty appointments in teaching, research and extension. Her research has focused on management strategies for late gestation and early postpartum dairy cows and management strategies that enhanced profitability on the dairy farm. Her research program incorporated basic and applied concepts to provide an understanding of factors affecting the needs of the dairy cow. Although Gabriella retired in December, 2013, she continues to provide educational information that can be used directly by the dairy producer. Gabriella has taught classes in dairy management, nutrition and ruminant physiology. She currently is a coach for the PSU Dairy Challenge team and participates on many dairy profit teams throughout Pennsylvania. Dr. Varga has authored or co-authored over 100 peer-reviewed scientific papers and hundreds of popular press articles. Most notably she is author of the most recent edition of the National Research Council's "Nutrient Requirements of Dairy Cattle". Dr. Varga has been an invited speaker at numerous national and international symposiums, seminars, webinars and conferences.