

National Dairy Leaders Coalition Meeting

Hosted by: the Kentucky Dairy Development Council

November 15-16, 2016

Holiday Inn, University Plaza - 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, KY 42103 - (270) 745-0088

Tuesday, November 15 – Afternoon Session: All times are Central Time

2:00 – Welcome to Kentucky

2:10 – Attendee Introductions and what's happening in your state

3:30 – Calvin Covington: Understanding the Fluid Milk Market and its relationship to other markets

4:15 – Break

4:30 – Fabian Bernal, DFA National Dairy Care Manager - The National F.A.R.M. Program updates and changes for 2017 - Comments by Karen Jordan, DVM and Chair of the NMPF Animal Health and Welfare Committee

5:30 – Social Hour – Reception

6:30 – Dinner – Speaker Warren Beeler, Executive Director, KY Governor's Office of Ag. Policy

Wednesday, November 16 - Morning Session:

8:00 - Joe Cain, KY Farm Bureau - New administration; what to expect: Immigration; Labor reform; Animal Welfare; Trade (TPP); Environmental Regulations; Farm Bill

9:00 – Issues facing our industry – How do we keep our voice and what can we learn from each other? Warren Beeler – Moderator - Open floor and/or Potential Topics:

- GMOs, the next rBST. What's next?
- How we dairy – Are animal care programs too intrusive? Should non-ag entities be driving the bus? Where do we draw the line?
- Environmental regulations – What is right and fair vs. what is too much.

10:45 – Wrap-up and instructions for the afternoon tour

11:30 – Board Bus – Lunch and Farm Tours

Chaney's Dairy Barn, – Lunch and ice cream – Purchased in 1888 and became a dairy farm in 1940 when James Chaney, Sr. purchased the first two registered Jerseys. The two most prized Chaney cows, Althea and Topsy, are known worldwide by the Jersey breed and earned James the title Master Breeder at the 2003 American Jersey Association Meeting. They recently installed a robotic milker on their 60 cow dairy. Carl and Debra Chaney opened Chaney's Dairy Barn in Sept. 2003 and have served nearly 70,000 guests.

Ballance Dairy Farm – Bill, Gail and Family operate Ballance Farms, Inc. in Oakland, Kentucky. They are second-generation dairy farmers and have 250 cows in the milking herd. They raise all their replacements and utilize a compost bedding pack barn for lactating cows. Their RHA is 25,795 lbs. with SCC below 125,000.

Elkins Dairy Farm – The Tim Elkins Family with sons Chad and Bradley milk 700 cows 3X in a double 12 parlor on Elkins Dairy. Their RHA is 26,500 lbs., 3.8% BF. The Elkins use a combination of housing with lime covered mattresses in free stalls and a flush system, plus a compost bedding pack barn as well. They farm over 5,000 acres and raise corn, soybeans, wheat and canola. They are considering robotic milkers.

5:30 – Elkins Grove – KY Proud Farm to Fork Dinner

7:00 – Bus departs for Hotel – Arrive at 7:30