

WESTERN ORGANIC DAIRY PRODUCERS ALLIANCE 2016 CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW AGENDA OCTOBER 26TH & 27TH 2016

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

6:00pm – 8:00pm: Welcome reception located in the Northwest Territory Ballroom, Great Wolf Lodge

6:00pm – 9:00pm: Trade Show Setup; Chehalis Saloon, Great Wolf Lodge

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

7:00am – Registration and Trade Show Visit

8:00am – 8:30am: Welcome - Richard Mathews, WODPA Executive Director

- Introduce Conference Chairs, Andrew Dykstra, Tony Shilter, BJ Haugen, Conference Overview
- Washington State Dairy Ambassador, Alicia Smaciarz
- Executive Director Update – Accomplishments for the year

8:30am – 10:00am: **Sustaining/Maintaining a sustainable farm gate price.** Mr. Trevor Hargreaves, British Columbia Dairy Association, and David Janssens, organic dairy producer and BCDA Director

10:00am – 10:35am: Trade-Show company introductions

10:35am – 11:15am: Coffee Break Sponsored by Bio-Vet, Inc. and Trade Show Visit

11:15am – 12:30pm: **Environmental issues facing dairymen; why attacked, how attacked, how to defend, how to avoid:** Mr. Jay Gordon, Director, Policy & Government Affairs, Washington State Dairy Federation, Ms. Ginny Prest, Dairy Nutrient Management Program Manager, Department of Agriculture and Heather Bartlett, Water Quality Program Manager, Washington State Department of Ecology.

12:30pm – 1:15pm: Lunch and Trade Show Visit

1:15pm – 1:45pm USDA/NOP Update, Devon Pattillo, Materials Specialist, Standards Division, NOP

1:45pm – 2:10pm: **Robotic milking, enjoy the benefits, secure your future:** Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, DVM, DeLaval North America

2:10pm – 2:15pm **Load busses and travel to Austin Family Dairy:** Transportation provided: depart from lobby at 2:15pm

2:30pm – 3:15pm: **Austin Family Dairy Tour** – Mr. Jim Austin & Mr. Ron Austin, Austin Family Farm LLC.

3:15pm – 3:25pm: **Travel back to Great Wolf Lodge**

3:30pm - 4:30pm: **Successfully raising organic Calves** – Dr. Sarah Slaby, DVM, Dr. Sarah's Essentials

4:30pm - 5:30pm: **Dry cow ration to fresh cow ration** – Mr. Larry Burrows, Excel Dairy Nutrition (Session will also address **Transitioning on and off pasture.**)

6:00pm – 7:00pm: Trade Show and Happy Hour

7:00pm – Dinner & Cocktails (no host bar)

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

7:00am – 8:00am: Zoetis sponsored producer breakfast. **Optimizing herd health for improved profitability:** Dr. Victor Cortese, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ABVP Zoetis. Presentation starts at 7:15am.

8:15am: Call Meeting to Order, WODPA President Andrew Dykstra

8:30am – 10:00am: **Producers Only WODPA Business Meeting**
Dairy producing in the future for sustainability: Mr. Gary Genske, National Dairy Producers Organization and Genske, Mulder & Company, LLP

10:00am – 10:10am: Trade-show company introductions – if needed

10:10am – 10:30am: Break and Trade Show Visit

10:30am – 11:30am: **Producers Only WODPA Business Meeting Continued**

11:30am – 12:30pm: **WODPA Business Meeting – Open to the public**

- WODPA Board Elections, Mario Avelar
- Discussion of Hot Topics
 - Origin of Livestock
 - Organic Check-Off Program
 - Transitional Certification
 - Open Floor Hot Topic Discussion
- Voting on Initiatives

12:30pm – 1:15pm – Lunch and Trade Show Visit

1:15pm – Continuation of morning sessions - if needed or Meeting Adjourned

2:30pm – Trade Show takedown

