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Summit Hotel Reservation Deadline January 21

2019 Dairy Summit Features Business Showcases In and Outside of Dairy

State College, Pa. – The deadline to reserve a hotel room under the group discount rate for the Pennsylvania Dairy Summit is Monday, January 21. Those who are planning to attend the Dairy Summit, being held on February 5 – 6 at the Lancaster Marriott Convention Center in Lancaster, should make sure they contact Lancaster Marriott by the 21st to ensure they get the discounted room rate.

Hosted by the Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania and the Center for Dairy Excellence, this year's Dairy Summit offers encouragement and guidance to help attending dairy producers and industry leaders "follow your compass." A well-diverse program features a mix of presentations, discussions and breakout sessions that bring insight to management styles and a changing industry.

Business showcases have come to be a hallmark of the annual event, and this year is no exception. Two business showcases will be part of the two-day program, one featuring a dairy farm family that relocated from Pennsylvania to Buhl, Idaho, and the other featuring the Clemens family and Hatfield Quality Meats.

John Brubaker, a native of Lancaster County, will share the insights and experience he gained from both his dairy farm and his involvement in the national dairy checkoff program during the Producer Showcase. Now a resident of Buhl, Idaho, Brubaker has been a lifelong dairy producer and co-owns Knott-Run Dairy, LLC with his sons. Knot-Run Dairy is a 350-cow dairy operation that has been named as Glanbia's Top Quality Producer. In 1988, Brubaker was awarded as the Pennsylvania Master Farmer for his service in the industry. Now, as an active member for DMI, he serves as the chairman of the Export Committee and Oversight Committee. In addition, he is actively involved with dairy promotion.

Phil Clemens will share a business showcase of Hatfield Quality Meats and offer insight and perspective from the pork industry and family business. Clemens will discuss the challenges he has faced in a business and in agriculture, all while offering advice on how to grow business and family dynamics. Clemens is the CEO of Clemens Family Corporation and Hatfield Quality Meats. He has served the company as the Family Business Ambassador chairman, as well as sitting on the Board of Trustees for Lancaster Bible College.

Other keynote speakers that are part of this year's program offer perspective on employee management, BMPs, leadership and supply chain logistics. Breakouts are tailored to focus on four tracks: At the Desk, Around the Table, With the Cows and In the Field. Registration is now live at padairysummit.org, and a full listing of program and speaker information is available online.

The Center for Dairy Excellence and Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania have discounted registration fees for dairy producers and farm employees to \$75 for the first registrant and \$50 for each additional person from the same farm. One-day registration for dairy producers and farm employees is \$25 per day. Room reservation fees are not included in the discounted rate.

The two-day industry rate for this year's Dairy Summit is \$225 per person. Additional non-producers from the same organization can be registered at \$175 per person for the two-day conference. The one-day rate for non-producers is \$150 per person with additional registrations available at \$125. Group rates are also available.

Since lodging is not included in the Summit conference registration, those who want to attend should contact the Lancaster Marriot by January 21 to receive the Summit discounted room rate of \$129 per night. The reduced group rate is available only as long as there are rooms remaining within the group block. Those interested in reserving a hotel room should contact the Marriott at 1-888-850-6146 by January 21, 2018.

The Pennsylvania Dairy Summit is hosted annually by the Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania and Center for Dairy Excellence. To learn more about the program and to view highlights of the 2019 Pennsylvanian Dairy Summit program, go to padairysummit.org. Contact the Pennsylvania Dairy Summit Business Office with questions at 814-355-2467 or email info@padairysummit.org.

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PDMP is a not-for-profit organization of progressive, positive-minded dairy producers and agribusiness leaders working together to advance the dairy industry in Pennsylvania through improved productivity and profitability. Programs offered by PDMP are designed by dairy producers for dairy producers. For more information on PDMP, visit their website at pdmp.org.

The Center for Dairy Excellence is a non-profit organization initiated by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in 2004. Bringing together people from more than 40 different dairy organizations in Pennsylvania, the center's mission is to enhance the profitability of the dairy industry by empowering people, creating partnerships, and increasing the availability and use of resources. Learn more at centerfordairyexcellence.org.

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Phil Clemens, CEO of Clemens Family Corporation and Hatfield Quality Meats

John Brubaker, Owner of Knot-Run Dairy in Buhl, Idaho