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Dairy Producers, Professionals Invited to December Roundtable Meetings *Meetings Offer Opportunity for Discussion on Industry Dynamics, Center Resources*

Harrisburg, Pa. – Dairy producers and others serving and supporting the dairy industry are invited to attend one of six Dairy Industry Professional Roundtable Meetings hosted by the Center for Dairy Excellence in six counties across Pennsylvania next month.

“Pennsylvania’s dairy industry continues to be in a state of transition, and these meetings are intended to be a forum for dairy producers and others to talk about the factors shaping our industry and its future,” said Jayne Sebright, executive director of the Center for Dairy Excellence. “The meetings will also include a look at how the center can be a resource to farms working to find solutions in an ever-changing and challenging marketplace.

The meetings will include an update on Pennsylvania and global market dynamics and dairy profitability forecasts, as well as the factors driving the market dynamics. Roundtable discussions on resources, tools, and best practices will provide attendees with insights to strengthen their dairy operations. A preliminary look at the results of the 2017 Pennsylvania Dairy Study will also be part of the roundtable discussion.

Dates, times and locations for all six meetings are included below. All of the meetings will include a meal followed by the roundtable discussion:

- Friday, December 8 in Lancaster County, starting at noon at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord, 129 Toddy Drive, East Earl, Pa., 17519.
- Thursday, December 14 in Snyder County, starting at 8:00 a.m. at Denny’s, 973 N. Susquehanna Trail, Selinsgrove, Pa., 17870.
- Thursday, December 14 in Bradford County, starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Riverstone Inn, 47 Leisure Drive, Towanda, Pa., 18848.
- Monday, December 18 in Cumberland County, starting at 11:30 a.m. at Hoss’s Steak & Seahouse, 1151 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle, Pa., 17013.
- Tuesday, December 19 in Somerset County, starting at 8:00 a.m. at King’s Family Restaurant, 1180 North Center Ave., Somerset, Pa., 15501.
- Tuesday, December 19 in Mercer County, starting at 1:00 p.m. at Hoss’s Steak & Seahouse, 1948 Leesburg, Grove City Rd., Grove City, Pa., 16127.

To register, email Heidi Zimmerman at hzimmerman1@centerfordairyexcellence.org or call the Center for Dairy Excellence at 717-346-0849. For complete details or to register online, go to www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/dairy-producer-roundtable-meetings/.

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