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CENTER TO HOST INDUSTRY CONFERENCE CALL ON JUNE 12 WITH UPDATES ABOUT HPAI IN DAIRY CATTLE, CALLS TO OCCUR ON MONTHLY BASIS

The Next Dairy Industry Call Will Be Held on Wednesday, June 12 at 1 p.m. EST

Harrisburg, Pa. – The Center for Dairy Excellence will host the next Dairy Industry Conference Call on Wednesday, June 12 at 1 p.m. EST to provide updates on the rapidly evolving health situation with highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) affecting dairy cattle in the United States. The conference calls will now be held on a monthly basis on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. EST.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture recently issued a General Quarantine Order for the exhibition of dairy cattle that would take effect if a case of Bovine Influenza A has been confirmed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and until Pennsylvania has been declared free from the disease by state health officials. This applies to all dairy cows traveling to shows and exhibitions. During the conference call on June 12, panelists from the Dept. of Agriculture and other state/federal organizations will answer questions about this order and share additional updates on the health situation, Pennsylvania's response, and what it means for farms.

Individuals who join the conference call will be able to ask real-time questions about the Quarantine Order, the disease and transmission, what it means for Pennsylvania agriculture, and how to incorporate good biosecurity protocols across the industry. To ensure as many questions can be addressed as possible, questions can be submitted in advance of the call. Text 717-585-0766 to submit questions or email <u>ctrdairyexcellence@gmail.com</u>.

Learn more about how to join the conference call on June 12:

- **Date:** Wednesday, June 12 at 1 p.m. EST. Future conference calls will be held on the second Wednesday of every month.
- How to Join: Dial +1 301-715-8592
 Meeting ID: 841 2794 6647
 Passcode: 833183

Click here to join the meeting via Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84127946647?pwd=YIVINmM3U2dSVDBJTEUyd2tqSjcwZz0 9

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The Center is continuing to work closely with the Penn State Dairy Extension Team, cooperatives and veterinarians to provide "Everyday Biosecurity Kits" to farmers upon request. To request an Everyday Biosecurity Kit at no cost, visit <u>www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/biosecurity-kit</u> or call the Center at 717-346-0849. More than 1,600 kits have been distributed to date.

As the dairy industry learns more about HPAI and how it is affecting dairy cattle, the Center for Dairy Excellence will continue to share updates from across the industry. Visit <u>www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/hpai</u> to listen to recordings and read recaps of previous conference calls. Visit <u>www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/newsletter</u> to sign up to receive email updates and get notified of future calls, news and resources.

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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 <u>centerfordairyexcellence.org</u>.

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