

## Early bird registration for the 2019 International Precision Dairy Farming Conference ends May 1st!

Plan to attend this exciting learning and networking event in Rochester, MN, USA June 18-20, 2019. Early bird <u>registration</u> ends May 1<sup>st</sup> and online registration closes June 12.

The 2-day conference will have five plenary talks and 36 breakout talks along with two poster sessions and a small trade show. The event includes speakers not only from the USA but also from all over the world, as far as New Zealand and Australia, many from Europe, and also South America.

Plenary topics include dairy digital trends in the industry presented by international consultant Aidan Connolly, large scale robotic milking presented by Indiana dairy producer Brian Houin (36 box robots), data ownership and use of technology presented by Dutch dairy producer Ron von Burgsteden, technology and dairy cow health monitoring presented by Dave Kelton, and ag venture capital perspective presented by international technology consultant Kieran Furlong.

Most of the 20-min breakout talks on June 18 will focus on sensor technology and use of data. On June 19 there will be 9 breakout talks on robotic milking, including one about the largest robotic dairy in the world (Chile) milking 4,500 cows with 64 box robots. Other topics on June 19 include field robotics beyond dairy, practical use of inline milk data, automated calf feeding and mastitis detection. For more details check the <u>conference website</u>.

An optional dairy farm tour (separate registration) will follow the 2-day conference on June 20 from 8 am to 3 pm.

The planning committee thanks industry sponsors for helping make this event possible, especially Platinum sponsors Cargill, DeLaval, Lely and Zoetis and Gold sponsors Madero Dairy Systems and Nedap.

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