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Register today for the Large Dairy Herd Management Conference

The ADSA Foundation invites you to register now for the upcoming Large Dairy Herd Management Conference being held May 1-4, 2016, at Oak Brook Hills Resort in Oak Brook, Illinois. Visit the meeting website (http://www.adsa.org/Meetings/LargeDairyHerdManagement.aspx) for complete conference, hotel, and registration information.

Ninety-six presentations will be offered within 15 sections over the course of 2½ days on topics pertaining to the management of large dairy herds. Each presentation will be made twice to allow participants an opportunity to attend the sessions of most interest to them, and provide feedback to presenters who are developing these topics as chapters for the Large Dairy Herd Management third edition e-Book.

Dairy experts from around the world have been selected to prepare and present chapter papers for this comprehensive and essential resource. The LDHM project is being led by Dave Beede, C. E. Meadows Endowed Chair of Dairy Management and Nutrition, Department of Animal Science at Michigan State University. e-Book publication is anticipated in early 2017.

World’s First Dairy MOOOOOO-C

Faculty from Penn State’s Departments of Animal Science, Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, Plant Sciences, and Agricultural Economics are developing the world’s first Dairy Production and Management MOOC (massive open online course). The course is designed to deliver fundamental knowledge and best practices related to sustainable dairy production systems in their broadest sense. Participants will gain a broad and comprehensive understanding of all aspects of dairy management including genetics, nutrition, reproduction, animal health, milk hygiene, farm economics, and sustainability of dairy production systems. There is something in this course for everyone, whether you are just looking for the basics or have years of experience in the dairy industry. The course launches March 7, 2016, on the Coursera platform. For more information and to register, please visit the course’s website: https://www.coursera.org/course/dairy.