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## **LDHM Conference a Huge Success**

Champaign, IL, May 9, 2016 – Over 600 dairy professionals gathered from May 1 to 4 in Oak Brook, Illinois, for the Large Dairy Herd Management (LDHM) conference. The two-and-a-half-day conference provided an initial look at the content planned for the third edition of the *Large Dairy Herd Management* reference book, being developed as an e-book by the American Dairy Science Association® Foundation.

Authors of the 94 chapters that will be included in the 15 sections of the e-book presented summaries of the planned chapters. Participants were invited to suggest additions, potential enhancements, and clarifications of the content to be included. This input will be used to ensure that the book presents the best and most up-to-date information related to dairy production and management.

Following the conference, Dr. Dave Beede, editor-in-chief of the book, said, “We were extremely pleased with the very active engagement and dialogue of attendees with authors and section editors during the presentation sessions, in the hallways, and at the work session to help us with the e-book. Doubtless, the conference catapults us forward to the next phase of the project—to complete the e-book.”

In addition to the cutting-edge science and management presentations in the sessions, the meeting provided a great opportunity for networking. Meeting attendees came from 29 countries and 36 states. Seventy-five percent of the participants were from industry, representing 156 companies in 28 countries. Faculty, staff, and students of 42 universities in 9 countries also participated. Thanks are extended to the 26 sponsors who helped to make the conference possible.

Information about the conference and e-book, **including the [conference program book](#)**, is available on the LDHM website <http://adsa.org/Meetings/LargeDairyHerdManagement.aspx> and on S-PAC® <https://spac.adsa.org/>. Check the website for details on book chapters, authors, and plans. A *Large Dairy Herd Management (LDHM) e-Book and Conference Update* will be held at the [2016 JAM](#) on Tuesday, July 19, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Publication of the e-book is anticipated in spring 2017.

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