



85th Annual Meeting & Conference

Harraseeket Inn – Freeport, Maine

September 17-19, 2023

AGENDA AUGUST 2023 EDITION

Sunday, September 17th

Julie-Marie Bickford - Maine, Presiding

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Registration	
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting/Business Meeting/Legal Reports	
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	President's Reception	
	Welcome to Maine!	<i>Maine Milk Commission / DACF</i>
	U.S. Greeting	<i>TBD</i>
	Canadian Greeting	<i>TBD</i>

Monday, September 18th

7:15 AM **Registration/Breakfast**

MORNING - Session I

8:30 AM	Welcome and General Introductions	
8:45 AM	The Importance of Dairy to Maine Agriculture	<i>Amanda Beal, Commissioner Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry</i>
9:15 AM	U.S.D.A. Report	<i>Dana Coale, Deputy Administrator - U.S.D.A. and/or Shawn Boockoff, Market Administrator, FMMO1 - U.S.D.A.</i>
9:35 AM	Canadian Dairy Commission Report	<i>Benoit Basillais, Chairman & CEO Canadian Dairy Commission</i>
9:55 AM	COFOCALEC Dairy Report	<i>Dr. Sergio Soltero Gardea, Director General, COFOCALEC (Estados Unidos Mexicanos)</i>
10:15 AM	Milk Break	Refreshments



MORNING - Session II

10:30 AM	Dairy in a Global Environment: Trade and the geo-politization of markets	
11:00 AM	The Changing Face of Dairy Regulation	
	A review of changes proposed in USDA Federal Milk Marketing Order & US Farm Bill	Chris Galen, NMPF
	Changes in Canadian dairy regulation	TBD
11:50 AM	Break	
11:55 AM	LUNCH	
	Nominating Committee (meets during lunch)	
	Legal Counsel (meets during lunch)	

AFTERNOON - Session III

Agricultural & the Environment Tour

12:45 PM – 1:00 PM *Load Bus*

Bus will leave promptly at 1 pm

- **Wolfe’s Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment –**
 - **Small Scale Agriculture’s Response to Climate Change**
 - **Not-so-extreme makeover – dairy barn edition**
 - **New farmer training – Stonyfield/ grazing apprenticeship**
 - **Improving Soil Health and Crop Diversity to adapt to climate change**
 - **Innovative Research consortium (using seaweed to reduce emissions)**
- **Eartha – a Global View of Climate Change (*tentative*) OR Maintaining Working Waterfronts in the battle between sea level rise and urban encroachment ((*tentative*))**
- **The Evolution of Pineland Farm & Creamery – Innovating in situ (Connecting consumers with Agriculture & community while fulfilling a social mission & meeting market needs)**

EVENING – Session IV

6:30 PM	Taste of Maine Dinner Event	Boone’s Fish House & Oyster Room, Portland, ME Waterfront
8:30 PM	Board the Bus	
9:15 PM	Arrive/Return to Hotel	

Tuesday, September 19th

7:15 AM Continental Breakfast / Registration

MORNING – Session V

8:30 AM The Future of Fluid Milk - *A panel discussion*

- The rise of consumer-driven milk variations (Lactose-free, A2, Ultra-filtered, Local, Organic, Grass-fed, etc.)
- Battle for the “MILK” name – Real Milk vs “Alternatives”
- Changing consumer habits (post-pandemic - fast food/ready to eat vs cooking)
- Re-growing the Consumer sector for fluid milk

9:45 AM Dairy Farmers of Canada Report *Steve Couture, Chairman*

Dairy Farmers of Canada

10:10 AM US Dairy Promotion / DMI *Paul Ziemnisky, Group EVP Wellness, Insights*

and Innovation - Dairy Management Inc. (DMI)

10:35AM

Milk Break



Morning – Session VI

10:45 AM KEYNOTE: The Next Environmental Challenge: **Maine’s Response to PFAS Contamination – How Dairy has Adapted: Observations & Solutions so far...**

Meagan Hennessey, Director of PFAS Response, Maine DACF

Rick Kersbergen, UMaine Cooperative Extension Professor Emeritus & Consultant to Maine DACF

11:40 AM IAMCA Legal Reports *US*

Canada

12:00 Noon LUNCH

Executive Committee Lunch

AFTERNOON – Session IX

1:15 PM IAMCA Annual Business Meeting

Call to Order / Roll Call

Minutes: 2022 Annual Meeting

Treasurer’s Report

Election of 2024 Officers

Suggestions for website, interim review/research, 2024 Annual meeting, etc.

Other Business

Adjourn

5:30 PM Social Hour

6:30 PM Annual Banquet