

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS



Members of the team at Dairy Farmers of Ontario will share insights and practical examples of how to use the information and services. How do you read your milk statement? What is the SNF ratio, and why is it important? We have incentive days, what does that mean for my farm? We will also highlight some of the new things that may be coming forward, and how you can work with your field service representative as part of your team. Lastly we will take a look at some options to enter the industry if you don't currently own milk quota. Bring your questions, we will be happy to help.

The Subtle Signs: Spot It, Stop It, Save - Early Detection of Lameness in Dairy Cattle

This on-farm workshop blends a short classroom session with a live, hands-on demonstration focused on early detection of lameness in dairy cows. While most producers can easily recognize cows with obvious mobility issues (scores of 4 and 5 on the 5-point lameness scale), the mildly lame or "Monitor" cows (score 3 in proAction terms) often go unnoticed.



This session, Feed Rations, will provide an overview of key concepts related to feeding strategies for dairy cows. The presentation will introduce general principles of ration planning, factors that influence feed requirements, and the role of balanced nutrition in supporting herd performance. Attendees will gain a broad understanding of the topic, with insights that can be applied across different dairy management systems.

The RBC speaker will discuss the importance of understanding key financial metrics to evaluate the overall health and stability of a dairy operation. During the presentation, participants will gain insight into why these indicators matter for day-to-day management and long-term planning. The session will also include a brief, hands-on exercise in which attendees will calculate EBITDA per kilogram and Debt Service Coverage to better understand how these figures can be applied in practical decision-making.



This presentation provides a clear, introductory overview of the basic principles of genetics and explains how genetic evaluations work. It also clarifies key breeding indexes such as LPI, Pro\$, TPI, and Eco\$. Additionally, the presentation guides participants in establishing an effective genetic strategy and offers practical direction for selecting the right sires.



The presentation is about the importance of classification in dairy cattle, where the external characteristics of cows are assessed to gain insight into their internal functions, health, and durability. Through conformation scoring and genetic selection, producers can identify strengths and weaknesses in their herd in order to improve production, longevity, and overall health.

This presentation provides an overview of the key factors that influence hoof health in dairy herds. It highlights the most common hoof problems, their causes, and how to recognize early signs of lameness. The session covers essential prevention practices, including proper nutrition, cow comfort, housing design, and routine hoof trimming. It concludes with effective treatment approaches and management strategies to maintain strong, healthy hooves and support optimal performance in dairy cows.



In this session, the speaker will explore the DISC model and personal traits in a practical and interactive way. Participants will learn about the DISC. Everything DiSC® is an assessment-based learning experience that deepens self-awareness, inspires appreciation of others, and fosters effective collaboration in the workplace. The session will also provide insights on recognizing your own style and understanding others', helping attendees collaborate more effectively and adapt their approach in different situations.

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