



Affiliate Annual Report for Calendar Year 2022

(Complete Attachment B to be considered for one or more 2022 Affiliate Awards.)

To maintain compliance with IAFP Constitution and Bylaws, Affiliates must return this completed report. Please send by email to Susan Smith at: ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Please return the following items **electronically** by **Tuesday, March 7, 2023** (late reports will not be considered for awards):

REQUIRED:

X This completed form (*in English*).

Your Association's list of current term officers (complete Attachment A).

OPTIONAL:

Attachment B: Completion required **only** if your Association requests to be considered for one or more Affiliate Awards.

IAFP now accepts **all** Affiliate Annual Reports electronically, including those vying for one or more of the Affiliate Awards. *Affiliates seeking to present the highest quality visual presentation are encouraged to present their Annual Report in the highest quality possible for review by the Selection Committee. To avoid errors and omissions, please limit your submission to ONE email with all attachments.*

Digital photos (with names and descriptions) to appear in the *Affiliate View* quarterly newsletter.

Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association

1. Your Official Delegate to IAFP Affiliate Council and Contact

*Enter in the fields below the information requested for your Association's official Delegate to the IAFP Affiliate Council and your official Contact for IAFP correspondence. **Delegate must be an IAFP Member.***

Official Delegate to IAFP Affiliate Council

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IAFP Member? Y N

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David.Weinand@state.mn.us
IAFP Member? Y N

2. Membership List

- a. Indicate the current total number of members in your Association: 117
- b. How many NEW members joined your Association in 2022? 14

3. Meetings: Annual Meeting/Conference, Educational, Workshops, Webinars, etc.

- a. On what date(s) was your most recent general membership or major meeting (i.e., Annual Meeting/Conference) during the past year? Please list number of attendees.

UMDIA Annual Educational Conference and Annual Meeting September 21-22, 2022 Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, MN. In-person Attendees 78 Spring meeting – April 21, 2022, LeSueur, MN, Ag Partners office. Number of attendees 64

- b. Please provide the date(s) and location of your next scheduled major meeting (i.e., Annual Meeting/Conference):

Spring Meeting April 25, 2023, LeSueur, MN Ag Partners office
Annual Meeting September 12, 2023, Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, St. Cloud, MN

- c. List all other general membership meetings held in 2022 (excluding board meetings). Include title, dates and attendance numbers.

Annual meeting	September 21-22, 2022 / 78 attendees
Spring Meeting	April 21, 2022 / 64 attendees

4. Awards and Scholarships

a. List members honored with an award from your Association and/or IAFP during 2022. Include name of award and qualification for award.

April VonRuden, AMPI	2022 President's Award: In recognition for dedicated service to the organization.
Jim Klein, Bongards	2022 Dairy Service Award: In recognition of pursuing the attainment of quality milk
Erv Pitzner, AMPI	2022 Field Service Award: In recognition for contributions in working toward the attainment of quality milk
Glen Brase, Land O lakes	2022 UMDIA Honorary Membership: In recognition of participation in the organization
Sandy Dunn, MN. Dept. of Agriculture	2022 UMDIA Honorary Membership: In recognition of participation in the organization.
Dawn Hauge, MN. Dept. of Agriculture	2022 UMDIA Honorary Membership: In recognition of participation in the organization.
Alan Nelson, MN. Dept. of Agriculture	2022 UMDIA Honorary Membership: In recognition of participation in the organization.

b. List scholarships awarded during 2022; include recipient and qualification for scholarship.

2022 Gene Watness Scholarship	Ashley Hagenow, Junior at the University of Minnesota studying agricultural communication and marketing
2022 Gene Watness Scholarship	Ross Herber, Junior at South Dakota State University studying dairy science and agronomy
2022 Gene Watness Scholarship	Kendra Waldenberger, Junior at the University of Minnesota studying animal science and agricultural communications and marketing

5. Web Communication

Please be sure to keep the IAFP office on your mailing list for newsletters, email, and other communications to your general membership.

Please provide your existing Affiliate's Web site address AND date last updated:

<https://www.umdia.org/> February, 2023

Did you launch a new Affiliate Web site in 2022? Y N

Attachment A (completion required)

Association Officers List

Provide the contact information requested below for all current officers of your Association. **Please indicate if each officer is an IAFP Member (reminder: Your President and Delegate are required to be IAFP Members).** The information you provide here is published on our website and in select membership materials. The information may be typed in the fields below or may be sent to our office by email, fax or regular mail.

Indicate the term dates (e.g., 2022–2023) for your current Executive Board:
2022-2023

President
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IAFP Member? Y N

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Mike Schultz, U of MN Animal Science
Dan Erickson, Harold Wainess & Associates
Peter Gieseke, Agropur
Amanda Johnson, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Jim Klein, Bongards
Mike Ranweiler, AMPI
Lisa Ramacher, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Lucas Sjostrom, Minnesota Milk
Lisa Wetzel, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Justin Zangl, Eurofins DQCI, LLC
Megan Glizxzinski, Bongards
Sammy Steiger, NFO

Before continuing, please check one of the boxes below:

CHECK HERE and return electronically by 3/7/23 IF YOUR AFFILIATE REQUESTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ONE OR MORE 2023 AFFILIATE AWARDS. (You are required to complete Attachment B.)

CHECK HERE IF YOUR AFFILIATE DOES NOT WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A 2023 AWARD. (You are done! It is not necessary to complete Attachment B.)

Attachment B (optional)

Affiliate Award Considerations

To be considered for one or more of the five Affiliate Awards to be presented at IAFP 2023, Affiliates are **required** to check the box next to the award(s) for which you wish to be considered and provide the related criteria (in English). (REMINDER: Please confirm IAFP Membership of your Affiliate President and Delegate **before** completing Attachment B to avoid award disqualification.) Submit your Annual Report and any attachments in **ONE** email to avoid errors and omissions.

Affiliate Membership Achievement Award

How did your Affiliate grow **AND** retain members during the past year? Please provide details on:

- how new members were recruited throughout the year;
- the number of new members joining the Affiliate;
- the percent increase in membership from 2021 to 2022;
- specific efforts on how you retained existing members; and
- other methods related to helping grow and maintain your membership.

You may cut and paste copy in the space below or use a separate page if necessary; please limit your explanation to 500 words or less in 12-point type.

In 2022 the Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association was able to grow by recruiting fourteen new members into the organization which is a slight increase of only eighteen new members in 2021. In 2021 there were 103 paid members and in 2022 the membership was 117 paid members. The primary focus of our organization is providing educational, professional development and a neutral networking site for its membership.

The Dairy Industry of which UMDIA members support is constantly changing and evolving. It is critical that those persons providing services are knowledgeable and familiar with the latest science, technology and market trends that impact the Dairy Production and Processing Industries.

The UMDIA provides a neutral space for Regulatory Representatives to provide current information on the changes, the rationale and interpretation of complex regulatory requirements. Through the Spring and Fall conferences speakers are recruited that can explain these changes and strategies for implementation.

These conferences are offered at a reduced rate for members.

In addition, Butter and Cheese contests are held in the fall of the year with producers submitting samples to be judged. These contests not only provide recognition to the contestants, they help to retain members throughout the year. The final piece of the puzzle are scholarships offered to potential new members. In the past our organization has offered 2 to 3 \$1,000 scholarships each year as a way to give back to those looking to join the dairy industry. Although providing scholarships isn't the primary reason for recruiting members, it does serve as a way to expose future dairy industry professionals to our organization as well as reinvesting in future leaders in the industry.

Affiliate Communication Award

How did your Affiliate communicate information to your Members during the past year? Please provide a description of the types of communication sent to your general membership and include samples with your Annual Report. Samples can be printed copies/screen shots of blast emails, Web site (include frequency of updating), electronic/print newsletters, brochures, etc., along with respective dates sent. If available, provide how effective specific communication was toward meeting your goals. You may cut and paste copy in the space below or use a separate page if necessary; please limit your explanation to 500 words or less in 12-point type.

Messages included activities the UMDIA Board and its advisors, including reminders to "save the date" for the upcoming meetings as well as pertinent news affecting the industry. Other messages are sent to encourage members to contact students they know to make an application for the scholarships supported by the organization. This regular communication has strengthened our organization especially as we came out of the COVID-19 Global Pandemic.

Members of the During 2022 the Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association made many concerted efforts to keep their membership informed and to promote the organization. These efforts were considered necessary in order to help the members understand and realize the value of their membership. Emails were sent out to the membership every month to keep them up to date on the latest developments and activities of the UMDIA.

UMDIA support and administer the Annual Butter and Cheese Contest. The contest is held in conjunction with the Minnesota State Fair. Winning contest entries are displayed in a refrigerated case of the "Dairy Building for the twelve days of the "Great Minnesota Get Together". The cheese and butter are auctioned off on-line with many fair goers bidding on this prized cheese and butter. The proceeds are used to help fund the scholarships the organization uses to encourage growth and development of the next generation. UMDIA is also one of the sponsors of the "Moo Booth" also part of the Minnesota State Fair Dairy Barn. UMDIA is identified in signage of the booth and many members take a turn at meeting with the attending public to help answer questions about the activities of the UMDIA, as well as address consumer concerns about the vital industry and nutritious food source that the UMDIA members serve.

The UMDIA communications team has continued to enhance the social media presence through a "Facebook Group" as an additional outreach method for keeping members informed. We have received a lot of positive feedback on this new communication format to help members enjoy and become more connected with the organization that hasn't been available in the past. The Facebook Group has allowed for rapid communication to the members and allowed for more traction in keeping the membership informed about timely events and activities.

Affiliate Education Award

What types of food safety education did your Affiliate provide to its members during the past year? Please provide the following details on all technical meetings, educational conferences, webinars, workshops, classes, and other methods pertinent to the interests of the membership:

- Background;
- Objectives;
- Agenda;
- Target audience;
- Dates held; and
- Numbers of attendees.

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APRIL 21, 2022 the Spring meeting of UMDIA was held at Ag Partners Western Office 901 North 4th Street Le Sueur, Minnesota. Sixty four of our 117 members attended the meeting. The meeting covered series of topics all focused on those that support the farms that produce the milk processed by the member organizations.

- Milk Quality Update, Dr. Matt Boyle, Zoetis reinforced the importance of milk quality
- Group Raising of Heifers, Dr. Whitney Knauer, U of MN and Our Experiences Raising Calves in Pairs, Dr. Lindsey Borst, Borst Family Dairy, Ag Partners Cooperative – brought some current research to the audience
- Social License, Clair Gustafson, Zoetis and Marcia Endres, U of MN covered some of the current animal activist activities and the importance of addressing these at the farm and consumer level
- Economic Realities of Nutrient Management in 2022, Andy Scholting, Nutrient Advisors acknowledged the importance of manure as fertilizer especially within the rising input costs for farms.

On September 21-22, 2022 UMDIA held their Fall conference and Annual meeting in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Seventy eight of the 117 members were present with the meeting highlighted several topics including:

- **Plant Highlight: Introduction to Cannon Bells Creamery**, Cannon Falls, Minn. This start up creamery is owned by three women and has grown to a staple of the community. Not only making cheese but also have expanded to include a retail location as well as diversifying their product line
- The afternoon breakout sessions divided the group along topic areas.
 - **Navigating Science and Communication Aspects of Dairy Production**, Dr. Erin Cortus, University of Minnesota, led the

group in a discussion about how to effectively communicate with the general public about practices within the dairy industry.

- **Mass Balance Optimization: Why are some dairy processors more profitable than others**, Eurofin, addressed how optimization affects the industry and long term profitability
- **Roundtable Discussions** allowed the member to gain more information and topics of interest
 - Strengthening our role in environmental sustainability decision making, Dr. Erin Cortus, spoke about the sustainability movement and the importance to effectively communicate that to consumers.
 - DeLaval Dairy Robotics – addressed some challenges around bacteria counts and effective equipment cleaning and disinfection
 - Eurofins/DQCI Offerings and Mobile App – Introduced the new application that Eurofins has that allows milk plant representatives to quickly retrieve information about milk quality tests as well as other features newly introduced
 - Direct to tanker fixed volume milk sampler, QualiTru/Nelson-Jameson – addressed some new milk sampling methods that will allow for direct tanker sampling to ensure an accurate sample while maintaining sample integrity.
 - IBA Products & Equipment Wash Issues – discussed some of the new products and cleaning products
 - Milking Equipment Financing, Compeer Financial – helped identify some of the pitfalls surrounding financing
- **Lab Pasteurized Count's Role in Monitoring Milk Quality**, Dr. Mike Schutz, University of Minnesota explained the role these thermophilic bacteria can play in final product quality.
- **Sustainability in everyday farming**, Steve Schlangen, is a recent U.S. Dairy Sustainability awardee and stressed the importance of telling the sustainability story

Best Overall Affiliate Meeting Award

Did your Affiliate hold an outstanding self-sustainable (*not sponsored/co-sponsored by IAFF*) food protection meeting which you consider 'over and above' those normally held? If so, provide the following details, if applicable, on what led to a highly successful meeting:

- Type of meeting and the value it brought to Affiliate Members/attendees (does not need to be your Annual Meeting);
- Mission statement for meeting (if relevant);
- Content;
- Numbers of attendees:
 - Number of and overall percentage of Affiliate Members (for example, 100 total attendees with 75 of them being Affiliate Members = 75%)
 - Number of Guests (non-dues-paying Affiliate Members) and their affiliation to the Affiliate Chapter and/or meeting's topic(s)
- Audience participation (through roundtable discussions, exercises, etc.);
- Topics:
 - Agenda (you may include a printed copy with your award application)
- Speakers and their employer affiliations (if available);
- Sponsors;
- Diversity of meeting participants (range of sectors represented, i.e., students, academia, extension, government, NGO, industry representatives, etc., which can be broken down into services, i.e., retail, education, research, manufacturing, etc., if available); and
- Other information.

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C.B. Shogren Memorial Award

How did your Affiliate demonstrate exceptional overall achievement during the past year in promoting the mission of IAFP (*"To provide food safety professionals worldwide with a forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply"*)? "Overall achievement" should encompass at least several of the following activities/accomplishments of your Affiliate during 2022:

- Exceptional achievement in membership;
- Types and effectiveness of communication and education;
- Awards and scholarships presented;
- Attendance numbers at meetings;
- Collaboration with other professional organizations;
- donations to the IAFP Foundation; and
- Representation at the IAFP Affiliate Council Meeting (held July 31, 2022); and
- Other pertinent information.

While not a requirement, strong consideration will be given to an Affiliate whose officers (beyond the requirement for the President and Delegate) are also IAFP Members. Provide a description and include any supporting documents. You may cut and paste copy in the space below or use separate pages if necessary; please limit your explanation to 1,000 words or less in 12-point type.

The leadership of the UMDIA has recently asked: "Why are we affiliated with the International Association for Food Protection?" While this is a fair and relevant question, the answer to this question can be difficult to explain due to the expansive history our organizations share. Some believe that the focus of both organizations has shifted and over time the associations now have vastly divergent purposes. While perspectives may have changed over time, the production, processing and distribution of Safe, Wholesome and Abundant Food is the ultimate "Goal" of both organizations.

Both the UMDIA and the IAFP have deep roots in the "Dairy Industry". The IAFP began in October of 1911 as the International Dairy and Milk Inspectors Association. The UMDIA claims its beginnings in 1910. This claim comes after a merger of the Minnesota Sanitarians Association (MSA) and the Central Minnesota Dairy/Dairy Processors Incorporated (CMD/DPI) in 1999.

To be considered for the Shogren Award the Affiliate Council Chair has to evaluate the very narrow scope of "2022" and the items listed on this submission form. This is really not a fair assessment of a "Legacy" organization like the UMDIA. While the historical record is not entirely clear, it is possible that the UMDIA has been affiliated with the IAFP since 1944 when the "International" first recognized the contributions what "Affiliates" could bring to the Organization. (IAFP 100th Anniversary History 1911-2011 page 17) "Five State Associations became Affiliates". "By the time of the 39th Annual Meeting in 1952...There were nineteen Affiliates...". It is entirely possible that the MSA (now UMDIA) was one of the nineteen affiliates mentioned on page 19 of the IAFP History. A number of organizations that have a significant impact on Dairy Food Safety originated directly from the IAFP. The National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS), a cooperative program between State Milk Regulators, the FDA Milk Safety Team and the Dairy Industry (authors of the Grade "A" 11

Pasteurized Milk Ordinance), the National Mastitis Council (NMC) and the 3-A Sanitary Standards Development Organization an organization which is supported by the IAFP. It is important to mention the Dairy Practices Council (DPC) another "Dairy" related group, indirectly established by IAFP Affiliate members in the Northeastern States of the US to publish "Best Practices" for the industry. The UMDIA has among its ranks a hand full of IAFP members. Many UMDIA members are heavily involved and actively work in support of these four IAFP related/originated organizations listed above that have a Regional, National and International food safety impact on Dairy Companies and their supply-chain partners around the world.

Two UMDIA (MSA) members served as President of the IAFP (IAMFES), Orlowe Austin, Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture (1972) and Roy Ginn, Dairy Quality Control Institute (1987). Three other "Minnesota" based Food Safety Professionals have served as IAFP officers, Vickie Lewandowski, Katherine Swanson and Ruth Petran. UMDIA members have served on the IAFP Dairy Quality Safety PDG, the 3-A Committee on Sanitary Procedure (The 3-A CSP is a special IAFP committee that participates with the 3-A Sanitary Standards Development Organization) and the IAFP Program Committee.

The UMDIA hosted the IAFP Annual Meeting and Conference as the Local Arrangement Committee in 1966, 1986 and 2001. The 2001 Annual Meeting held in Minneapolis was highly successful breaking previous attendance records. The IAFP discontinued the practice of having a Local Arrangements Committee after 2001.

As one can see from the previous paragraphs, members of the UMDIA have been heavily involved in the IAFP and related "Dairy" organizations. The UMDIA is not the largest Affiliate organization on the IAFP list but it remains a relevant resource for its membership that has stood the test of time. 2020 and 2021 brought many challenges as with so many institutions across the globe. 1.) A change in business practice, moving away from a paid staff position, which required the Board of Directors to step into the breach. 2.) The cancellation of the UMDIA Conference and Annual Meeting in September of 2020. 3.) Reclaiming the organizations website and bringing it back to be more user friendly. 4.) Producing an all on-line 2021 Spring Meeting. 5.) Creating an Operations Handbook for the Board of Directors and a detailed Strategic Plan. 6.) Bringing the organization back to financial stability. 7.) Replacing the President position after a sudden resignation just prior to the 2021 Fall Conference. 8.) Clarified the tax status of the organization. 9.) A successful hybrid Fall Conference and Annual Meeting completed in September 2021.

We believe that the UMDIA is a top candidate for the C.B. Shogren Award and long overdue for recognition.

Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association



Thank you to our Butter Contest Partners
Eurofins DQCI and Mérieux NutriSciences for providing the butter contest laboratory services.

Dear Buttermaker:

For the 2022 Contest there will continue to be two categories for butter entries:

Continuous Churn

Artisan - The Artisan Butter contest will be a separate contest from the continuous churn butter contest. This category would be for small batch butter processors.

Awards will be given in both categories. The scoring would be the same for both contests. The butter entrants will have to specify whether the butter is conventional or artisan on their entry cards. Entries will have names removed and replaced with numbers prior to judging. The entries will be evaluated by three qualified judges and samples of the butter will also be sent to a certified lab for composition and bacteriological analysis.

Note that for this cycle of contests we will continue with three contests which include the: Fall; Spring; and Minnesota State Fair (in July) contests. Entries must be delivered to Bongards' Creameries at 13200 County Road 51, Norwood, MN 55368. **The entry deadline for the State Fair Contest, Friday, July 22, 2022.**

Please e-mail Lisa Ramacher, lisa.ramacher@state.mn.us and me at the above e-mail with the following information: plant name, competitor names, the number of entries, ship date and shipping method to ensure that we are aware of your entries prior to the contest set-up and judging.

The Monday following the contest closing date Contest Superintendent, Lisa Ramacher will remove the names, number the entries (so that the judging may be completed on the merits of the butter alone), and will take butter samples for evaluation of composition and bacteriological analysis. On July 28, three qualified judges will grade the butter and then the results of the contest will be tabulated and verified.

Entry Details

Butter entries should be **at least 20 pounds** and delivered in preferably **block** form. Entry information is attached or you may find them on our website at <http://www.umdia.org/contests.html>. **Please ensure that none of the enclosed product has any plant/company identification on it**

For each entry complete a butter identification card and place it between the flaps of the entry box. Specify if you are entering the Conventional or Artisan division of the contest. Please send or deliver all butter entries to Bongards' Creameries at 13200 County Road 51, Norwood, MN 55368. **Please specify that the enclosed product is for the UMDIA contest on the outside of the delivery box.**

If you require clarifications regarding the contest you may contact Lisa Ramacher at 952-955-2570 or 952-484-1057 or e-mail at lisa.ramacher@state.mn.us. Buttermakers do not have to be members of UMDIA to enter the contests; however, we would welcome your membership.

Good luck and thank you in advance for entering and encouraging others to enter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ramacher

The Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association promotes the dairy industry by providing information, educational services, networks and contests that encourages improvement in the quality and safety of dairy food products.

Contest Superintendent, Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association

Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association

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Dear Cheesemaker:

We hope to see your entry in the 2022 Minnesota State Fair Cheese Contest coordinated by UMDIA. Entries must be delivered to Bongards' Creameries at 13200 County Road 51, Norwood, MN 55368. **The entry deadline for the State Fair Contest is Friday, July 22, 2022.**

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Entry Details

There are four contest categories: 1) *Cheddar Block*, 2) *Cheddar Barrel***, 3) *Artisan* and 4) *Miscellaneous*

Cheesemakers may enter more than one category and are eligible for awards in each category entered. However, a different cheese must be physically entered into each category. *For instance, a cheesemaker may enter both the artisan and miscellaneous categories with a cheese entry for each. Another example is a cheesemaker may enter the Cheddar Block and Miscellaneous categories with a cheese entry for each. Please note that you must specify which category you are entering your cheese into on your entry card. If you enter a flavored cheese and do not specify miscellaneous or artisan it will default into the miscellaneous category.*

Please Note!!!!** All Cheddar Barrel entries require a \$50 entry fee for each entry. There are no other entry fees with the other categories. Please send the entry fee to- Scott Stude; Agropur; 719 N. Main St.; LeSueur, MN 56058

Please see the Cheese Contest Sheet for details on each category. It is important that no plant identification or brand name appears on the cheese packaging. All entries must include a completed cheese contest identification card with the production date of the cheese included. Please send or deliver all cheese entries to Bongards' Creameries at 13200 County Road 51, Norwood, MN 55368. **Please state clearly that the cheese is for the UMDIA Contest on the outside of the shipping container.** Entry materials are attached and will also be available on our website <http://www.umdia.org/contests.html>.

If you have questions with regard to the contest you may contact Lisa Ramacher at 952-955-2570 or 952-484-1057 or e-mail at lisa.ramacher@state.mn.us.

Cheesemakers do not have to be members of UMDIA to enter the contests; however, we would welcome your membership. Good luck and thank you in advance for entering and encouraging others to enter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ramacher

Contest Superintendent, Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association

**2022 UMDIA FALL
CONFERENCE & ANNUAL
MEETING**

NEW: GOLF OUTING – SEPTEMBER 20
Fall Conference and Annual Meeting:
September 21 – 22

**Holiday Inn & Suites
St. Cloud, Minn.**



Join the Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association (UMDIA) for industry education, networking at our annual meeting in St. Cloud, Minn. During the meeting we'll hear from industry experts, celebrate contest winners, recognize members and more. New this year we'll also have a golf outing for another opportunity for networking.

Tuesday, September 20 – Territory Golf Club

NEW: Golf Outing, 1:30 pm – Tee Time

Territory Golf Club, 480-55th Ave. SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304

Wednesday, September 21 - Holiday Inn

11 am – Registration Begins

11:30 am – Lunch buffet

12:30 pm - Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) Milk Break, MDA Staff

1:00 pm - Plant Highlight: Introduction to Cannon Bells Creamery, Cannon Falls, Minn.

1:30 pm – Breakout sessions:

Navigating Science and Communication Aspects of Dairy Production, Dr. Erin Cortus, University of Minnesota

Mass Balance Optimization: Why are some dairy processors more profitable than others, Eurofins

3:00 pm - Roundtable Discussions

5:00 pm - Social

6:00 pm - UMDIA Banquet and Awards

Thursday, September 22 - Holiday Inn

7:30 am - Breakfast Buffet

8:00 am - UMDIA Annual Meeting

9:30 am - LPC's Role in Monitoring Milk Quality, Dr. Mike Schutz, University of Minnesota

10:15 am - Sustainability in everyday farming, Steve & Cheryl Schlangen, dairy farmers and U.S. Dairy Sustainability awardees

11:00 am - Working with Water: Updates from the PMO, Dr. Nicole Neeser, MDA

Don't forget nominations for UMDIA Awards are due **August 31**. Find more information here:
bit.ly/3P0n9Pl

Hotel Information:

Holiday Inn & Suites St. Cloud - 75 S 37th Avenue, St. Cloud, MN 56301

To receive the UMDIA discounted rate (**\$119.00** per night for a standard room), please make a reservation by calling by 320-253-9000 by **September 1**.

Meeting Registration Form:

To sign-up for the meeting, please complete and return this form and submit payment, see details below. **Registrations are due Monday, September 5.**

Name: _____ Company/Farm:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please check the boxes below to indicate which meals you'll be attending:

Wednesday – Lunch

Wednesday – Awards Banquet

Thursday - Breakfast

Non-Member Rates

Paying via Check:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference	\$195.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference + Golf	\$255.00

Paying via PayPal:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference + Golf	\$265.00

Member Rates

Paying via Check:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference	\$135.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference + Golf	\$195.00

Paying via PayPal:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference	\$140.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference + Golf	\$200.00

Please check which portions of the meeting you'll be attending:

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Total due: \$ _____

Then complete the two-step registration process:

1. Email your completed registration form or mail with payment.
2. Submit payment online* (<https://www.umdia.org/events>) or mail a check.

Email: umdiamanager@gmail.com

Mail: Scott Stude, UMDIA Treasurer
719 North Main Street, LeSueur, MN 56058

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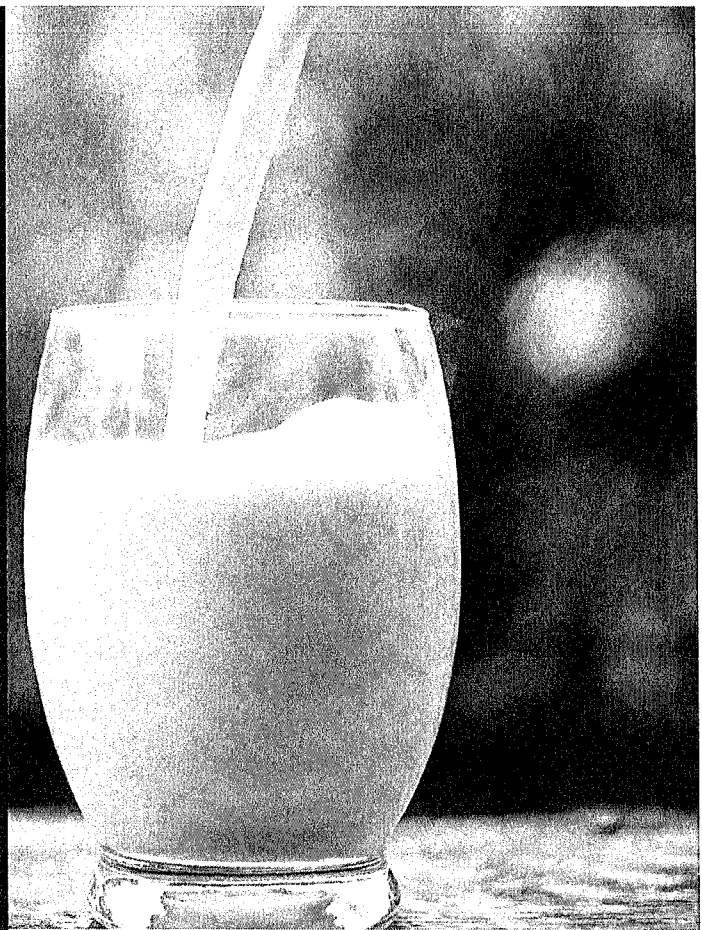


2022 UMDIA SPRING MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Ag Partners Western Office

901 North 4th Street
Le Sueur, MN



We invite you to the Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association (UMDIA) Spring Meeting for some dairy industry and milk quality education. Come for great presentations and networking.

Meeting Schedule:

9:30 AM	Registration	12:45 PM	Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) Update, Lisa Pool
9:40 AM	President's Welcome	1:00 PM	Social License, Clair Gustafson, Zoetis
9:45 AM	Milk Quality Update, Dr. Matt Boyle, Zoetis	1:30 PM	Animal Welfare, Dr. Marcia Endres, University of Minnesota Department of Animal Science
10:30 AM	Break	2:00 PM	Minnesota Department of Ag Updates, Dr. Nicole Neeser and Sandy Larson
10:45 AM	Group Raising of Heifers, Dr. Whitney Knauer, University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine	2:45 PM	Break
11:30 AM	Our Experiences Raising Calves in Pairs, Dr. Lindsey Borst, Borst Family Dairy, Ag Partners Cooperative	3:00 PM	Economic Realities of Nutrient Management in 2022, Andy Scholting, Nutrient Advisors
12:00 PM	Lunch	4:15 PM	Adjourn

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Name: _____ Company/Farm: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are there any dietary restrictions we should be aware of (please describe): _____

There are two ways to register for the meeting:

1. Online at <https://www.umdia.org/events>, where you can complete the registration and submit payment

a. Member - \$48

b. Non-member - \$110

2. By mail: Send to Scott Stude, UMDIA Treasurer, 719 North Main Street, LeSueur, MN 56058

a. Member - Enclosed - \$45

b. Non-member - Enclosed - \$105

*Now that the
early registration
deadline has
past, prices have
increased by \$10.*

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