

# 12<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Dairy Sheep Symposium



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**November 9-11, 2006**  
**LaCrosse, Wisconsin**  
**Midway Hotel Riverfront Resort**

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Once again, the Great Lakes Dairy Sheep Symposium is back in Wisconsin, home to the largest number of sheep dairies in the United States and Canada. The Symposium will be held in LaCrosse, Wisconsin on the edge of the Mississippi River. LaCrosse is a beautiful city chosen for its vicinity to two of the farm visits.

Three full days are necessary to cover the program of the 12th Great Lakes Dairy Sheep Symposium. The first day will cover an innovative approach to cost of production, a view on organic production, and the purpose of a new program of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture: The Dairy Business Innovation Center. The second day will cover more scientific but practical sessions on somatic cells, parasites, sheep behavior, alternative ways of treating sick animals, and the latest research done at the Spooner Agricultural Research Station. The third day is reserved, as usual, for the ever-popular farm tours. An Amish sheep dairy farm and their neighbor, as well as the cheesemaking facilities of a very important sheep milk processor in Wisconsin will be the highlights of the tour.

**Registration Contacts**

For registration questions, please call CALS Conference Services at 608-263-1672. For all other questions about the Symposium, please contact Lorraine Toman at the Spooner Ag Research Station at 715-635-3735.

Registration can be done by mail, fax, or online at:  
 CALS Conference Services, 620 Babcock Drive, Madison, WI 53706;  
 Fax: 608-262-5088; or online at: <http://www.cals.wisc.edu/ccs>.

*No phone registrations, please.*

**Registration Fee**

Fees include coffee breaks, three lunches (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) and a copy of the proceedings. Payment should be made in US Dollars.

Members of immediate families may register on the same form. All others should fill out one form per person.

Cancellations will not be honored beyond October 20, 2006.

Registrations received at the door or after October 20 will be charged a \$20 late fee.

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## **Thursday, November 9**

- 8:30 a.m.** Registration and networking
- 10:00 a.m.** Welcome
- 10:30 a.m.** Sheep Dairy Farm Economic Analysis  
· Dan Guertin, Stillwater, MN, and Tom Kieffer, Strum, WI, Dairy Sheep Producers
- Noon** LUNCH PROVIDED
- 1:15 p.m.** The Dairy Business Innovation Center: A Catalyst for Innovation  
· Kate Arding, Dairy Business Innovation Center, Madison, WI
- 2:00 p.m.** Organic Cheese Production: Trends, Future, and Requirements  
· Jody Padgham, Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service, Spring Valley, WI
- 2:45 p.m.** Dairy Sheep Production and Cheesemaking in the French Pyrennees  
· Gilles Lagriffoul, INRA, Toulouse, France
- 3:45 p.m.** Snacks and social time
- 5:00 p.m.** DSANA Annual Meeting
- DINNER ON YOUR OWN

## **Friday, November 10**

- 8:30 a.m.** Ovine Progressive Pneumonia, Caseous Lymphadenitis, and Natural Treatment for other Disorders  
· Holly Neaton, DVM and sheep producer, Watertown, Minnesota
- 9:15 a.m.** Internal Parasites and Fecal Egg Counts  
· Don Bliss, Parasitologist, Mid America Ag Research, Verona, Wisconsin

- 10:00 a.m.** BREAK
- 10:30 a.m.** Somatic Cells in Dairy Sheep  
· Gilles Lagriffoul, INRA, Toulouse, France
- 11:15 a.m.** Updates on Sheep Dairy Research, Part One  
· Claire Mikolayunas, PhD. student, UW-Madison Animal Sciences Department
- Noon** LUNCH PROVIDED
- 1:30 p.m.** Updates on Sheep Dairy Research, Part Two  
· Claire Mikolayunas, PhD. student, UW-Madison Animal Sciences Department
- 2:15 p.m.** Sheep Behavior and its Implications for Sheep Management  
· Harold Gonyou, Animal Ethologist, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
- 3:00 p.m.** BREAK
- 3:30p.m.** A: Continuum of Dairy Operations  
B: Continuum of Products and Marketing Strategies  
· Laurel Kieffer, Strum, WI, and Alice Henrickson, Stillwater, MN, Dairy Sheep Producers
- 6:30 p.m.** BANQUET

## **Saturday, November 11**

- 8:30 a.m.** Board buses for farm tours  
· John Henry Miller and family. An Amish family near Westby, Wisconsin. They milk by hand on an ingenious rotating platform system.
- Dean and Brenda Jensen. Miller's neighbor, milking 150 ewes.
- Carr Valley Cheese. Cheese plant owned by Mr. Sid Cook, creator and maker of many famous sheep milk and mixed milk cheeses.

## Location & Lodging

The Best Western Midway Hotel Riverfront Resort is located at 1835 Rose Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, 54603-2104. The special room rate is \$69 plus applicable taxes per double room. Please mention the Great Lakes Dairy Sheep Symposium when making your reservation. A block of 50 rooms will be held until October 8. Participants should call the hotel directly at (608)781-7000 to make their reservation.

The LaCrosse Municipal Airport is located three miles away and receives flights from Chicago and Minneapolis daily. A free local shuttle is provided from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Alternative lodging nearby:

Brookstone Inn: 608-781-1400  
EconoLodge LaCrosse: 608-781-0200  
Hampton Inn LaCrosse: 608-781-5100  
Super 8 LaCrosse: 608-781-8880

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A small trade show will be set up. Because of limited space, sponsors interested in exhibiting their products are encouraged to contact Steve Eckerman at 715-623-2520 or [eckermst@antigopro.net](mailto:eckermst@antigopro.net) as soon as possible.

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urges all dairy sheep producers and friends  
of the industry to become a member.  
This young industry needs a strong representation to clear  
all obstacles that are ahead of it.



From Interstate 90. The Best Western Midway Hotel Riverfront Resort is located ½ mile south of Interstate 90 on Highway 53 (Rose Street) at exit 3. From Highway 53 (Rose Street), take exit 3.

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