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**Southeast Quality Milk Initiative– 4th Annual Meeting**
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# Southeast Quality Milk Initiative

## 4th Annual Meeting

**November 16-17, 2016**
**Tifton, GA**






## *DAY ONE: Dairy Community Portion of the 2016 Program*

### Wed., November 16

**9:00 am** Welcome—(Joe West and John Bernard) & Overview and Objectives of the SQMI Project (Steve Oliver)

**9:15 am** Current status of milk quality in the SE (Gina Pighetti)

**9:45 am** Optimize your feeding program to maximize milk quality (John Bernard)

**10:15 am** Refreshment Break

**10:45 am** Mastitis decision-making tools made easy (Jeffrey Bewley)

**11:15 am** Producer panel on lowering BT SCC

**11:45 am** Interpreting BT bacteria and SCC (Kristy Campbell)

**12:15-1:15 pm** **BBQ Lunch & Poster Viewing**

**1:15 pm** Motivating employees as a means of buying into herd health and milk quality (Ron Erskine)

**1:45 pm** Genetic and environmental factors influence the immune system and mastitis (Corwin Nelson)

**2:15 pm** Managing heat stress in transition cows to improve milk quality (Sha Tao)

**2:45-3:15 pm** Travel to Tifton Dairy for milk/ice cream/coffee break followed by workshop

**3:15 pm** Milking procedures and equipment training (Christina Petersson-Wolfe)

**4:00 pm** Managing sand bedding for low bacteria counts (John Bernard)

**Wed., Nov. 16—continued**

**4:30 pm** Transition cow management (Dave McClary)

**5:15 pm** Depart dairy for dinner

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## *DAY TWO: SQMI Team Meeting with Advisory Panel*

### Thurs., Nov. 17

**8:30 am –12:00 pm**
Reporting on Objective 1-4
Accomplishments and update on Michigan project

**8:30 am** Objective 1—Identify factors affecting limited adoption of mastitis control practices and develop strategies to promote adoption (Mark Fly/Susan Schxnayder)

**9:00 am** Objective 2—Conduct research to evaluate management practices required to control mastitis and enhance milk quality (Gina Pighetti)

**9:30 am** Objective 3—Provide producers with decision/support tools and services needed to make informed decisions regarding milk quality (Jeffrey Bewley)

**10:00 am** Refreshment Break

**10:30 am** Objective 4—Develop continuing education programs to create human resources needed to serve the dairy industry (Steve Nickerson)

**11:00 am** Update/progress report on Michigan project (Ron Erskine)

**Thurs., Nov. 17—continued**

**12:00 pm** Lunch

**1:00 pm** Impressions of SQMI accomplishments presented by Advisory Panel

**2:00 pm** SQMI's reply to Panel impressions and closing remarks by Steve Oliver and Advisory Board Representative

**3:00 pm** ADJOURN

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION & LODGING

Registration deadline: Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016.

Dairy Producer/Student: $20.
Non-Dairy Producer/Non-Student: $100.
Access the registration form now or visit sequalitymilk.com.
Contact Steve Nickerson at 706-340-3367 or scn@uga.edu with any questions.

A block of rooms at the Country Inn and Suites has been secured for the nights of November 15 and 16. The rate is $85 + tax (12%) + $5 Georgia Transportation Fee or $100.20/night per room. They will have a mix of either 2 queen or 1 king size bed rooms available. The rate includes a continental breakfast, high speed internet, and access to the business and fitness centers. Participants must contact the hotel directly to make reservations the block before November 1, 2016 at 229-382-8100 and ask to be booked under the SQMI –Southeast Milk Quality Initiative block.

***Application in process for C.E. credits.***

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