Golden State Dairy Management Conference

November 10, 2026
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto

Welcome & Opening Remarks, 11:00 am

Keynote Address: Dairy Trends in 2027 & Beyond
Abbigail Groves, CoBank
Agricultural Commodities Economist

Lunch & Discussions: 12:00 – 12:50pm

Breakout Session A

Hot Topics, 1:00 – 1:50 pm

Heat stress & adaptation of Holstein and beef-on-Holstein crossbred cattle in the feedlot
Brooke Latack, UCCE Livestock Advisor

Spinose ear tick control in lactating dairy cows
Betsy Karle, UCCE Dairy Advisor

Nutritionist & producer perspectives on enteric methane reduction strategies
Jennifer Heguy, UCCE Dairy Advisor

Herd Health, 2:00 – 2:50 pm

Annual & seasonal trends in mastitis pathogens in the San Joaquin Valley (2009 – 2023)
Daniela Bruno, UCCE Dairy Advisor

Impact on milk feeding methods on paired dairy calf behavior, growth & health
Randi Black, UCCE Dairy Advisor

Train your team to spot illness early – Free bilingual program for dairy farms
Richard Pereira, UC Davis

Breakout Session B

California Water, 1:00 – 1:50 pm

Winter cereal crops can help to make the most of limited water in the San Joaquin Valley
Mark Lundy, UC Davis & UC ANR

Groundwater recharge & deficit irrigation on alfalfa
Moneim Mohamed, UCCE Irrigation Advisor

Groundwater markets in California under SGMA: Challenges & opportunities
Ellen Bruno, UC Berkeley & UC ANR

Environmental Management, 2:00 – 2:50 pm

Dietary strategies to support protein efficiency & reduce nitrogen excretion
Kelly Nichols, UC Davis

Considerations for choosing a manure treatment technology
Deanne Meyer, UC Davis & UC ANR

On-farm evaluation of tools to predict N content of blended lagoon irrigation water
Rubia Branco-Lopes, UCCE Dairy Advisor

Ice Cream Break!
Sponsored by the California Milk Advisory Board
2:50 – 3:00 pm

Closing Session, 3:00 – 3:30pm

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