Successful Dairy Systems Field Days
— 2012 —

16 locations across Minnesota
No pre-registration required

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Objectives of the Successful Dairy Systems Field Days:
• To learn about each dairy operation’s features
• Visit operations that have been successful
• Ask questions and learn from one another

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Presenters:
• University of Minnesota Extension faculty
• Host Farm Family members

Dates/Locations:
July 10  Kuball Dairy Farm (LeSueur Cty)
July 11  Maus Farms (Todd Cty)
July 12  Flowerbrook Holsteins (Carver Cty)
July 12  Highview Farms (Sibley Cty)
July 13  Kern Farm (Stearns Cty)
July 23  Schulze Dairy (Pipestone Cty)
July 25  Lakeview Dairy (Otter Tail Cty)
July 31  Wagner Dairy Farm (Scott Cty)
August 1  Houdek Farm (Houston Cty)
August 1  Lax Dairy (Brown Cty)
August 14  Ackerman Dairy (Benton Cty)
August 14  Stocker Dairy Farm (Scott Cty)
August 15  Twohey Farm (Olmsted Co)
August 16  Happke Holsteins (Morrison Cty)
August 21  Hoef Farms (Goodhue Cty)
September 20  Kieffer Farm (Winona Cty)

All Sites:
Registration: Starts 15 to 30 minutes before program. No pre-registration required.
Cost: No charge. Lunch provided at some locations.
Agenda: Description of farm operation by host farm family. Short discussion on topics related to each dairy. Question and answer session.
July 10, 12:00-2:00pm (LeSueur County)
Kuball Dairy Farm, Nathan & Shannon Kuball
22156 Lake Ave, Waterville, MN
Directions: From MN Hwy 13 north of Waterville, east on Cty Rd 2 to Kikkinen, 4.4 miles south on Cty Rd 3, 2 miles east on Cty Rd 10, continue 1.1 miles after 10 becomes Rice Co 4, 0.8 miles north on Lake Ave, farm is on west side of road. From MN Hwy 60 at Montevideo, 2.2 miles north on Rice Co Rd 40A, 1.8 miles west on Cty Rd 4, 3 miles north on Lake Ave, farm is on west side of road. Features: Fifth generation dairy milking 170 cows. Ventilation in freestall barn was renovated in 2011. Practicing precise forage management. Come learn how they produce high quality feed.
Lunch provided by Elanco, Hubbard Feeds, and Watonwan Farm Service. Event sponsored by Dairy Profitability Enhancement Program.
July 11, 10:30am-2:00pm (Todd County)
Maus Farms, James & Jenn Maus
14482 150th St, Osakis, MN
Directions: From Long Prairie, 6 miles south on US 71, 8 miles west on MN 27, 3 miles south on 15th Ave, 1/2 mile west on 15th St, farm is on north side of road. From Sauk Centre, 1.7 miles north on US 71, 6 miles west on Cty Rd 2, 1 mile north on 151st Ave, 1/2 mile west on 150th St, farm is on right. Watch for signs.
Features: After a devastating fire in 2009, the Maus family built a new 268-cow sand-bedded freestall barn and 30-bed heifer parlor in 2011. Features: After a devastating fire in 2009, the Maus family built a new 268-cow sand-bedded freestall barn and 30-bed heifer parlor in 2011. They now have about 125 cows. Recently installed Select Detect activity monitors and built a new feed center with robotic milkers, and impacts on the family after changing to robotics.
Lunch provided by AgCountry. Event sponsored by Central Minnesota Dairy Profit Team.
July 12, 10:00am-12:00pm (Carver County)
Flowerbrook Holsteins, Andy & Jordene Steeveru
15402 610th St NE, Chaska, MN
Directions: From Hwy 212, south onto Cty RD 31, west onto Broadway Ave, south onto Martha St, farm will be on east side of road.
Features: Steeveru milk and grow 350 acres of corn, alfalfa, soybeans and wheat. Built hoop barn for calves in 2009, and recently started feeding pasteurized milk. Forage management includes corn silage in a bag and a silo, and a hay/grass mix stored in a flat roof steel building with tunnel ventilation and 300 freestalls (Oct 2010), a temporary building for sand bedding lanes to reclaim over 90% of the sand for bedding.
Lunch will be provided. Event sponsored by Dairy Profitability Enhancement Program.
July 23, 1:00-3:00pm (Pipestone County)
Schulze Dairy, LLC, Rod & Devin Schulze
1963 150th Ave, Holland, MN
Directions: From Holland, 2 miles north on Cty Rd 16, 1 mile east, 5 mile north.
Features: Rod expanded his herd with son Devin. After moving into a new flat roof steel building with tunnel ventilation and 300 freestalls (Oct 2010), a warm floor system, heat detection system. They also have a number of other heifer facilities. The Kerns finish more than 500 Holstein steers each year.
Lunch will be provided. Event sponsored by Central Minnesota Dairy Profit Team.
July 25, 10:00-12:00pm (Otter Tail County)
Lakeview Dairy, Andrew & Chelsa Golberg
57448 Cty Rd 50, Deer Creek, MN
Directions: From Deer Creek, 1 mile east on Cty Rd 50, farm is on south side of road.
Features: Steeveru milk and grow 350 acres of corn, alfalfa, soybeans and wheat. Built hoop barn for calves in 2009, and recently started feeding pasteurized milk. Forage management includes corn silage in a bag and a silo, and a hay/grass mix stored in a Harvestore.
Lunch will be provided. Event sponsored by Dairy Profitability Enhancement Program.
July 31, 12:00-2:00pm (Scott County)
Wagner Dairy Farm, Randy & LouAnn Wagner
26681 Asoap Ave, Webster, MN
Directions: From I-35, west onto Cty Rd 2, south onto Cty Rd 27 (Texas Ave), farm will be on east side of road.
Features: Wagner's milk 160 Holstein cows and farm 550 acres of corn, oats, alfalfa and soybeans. Cows are milked in a tie stall barn and switch cows are in a bedded pack barn.
Lunch will be provided. Event sponsored by Dairy Profitability Enhancement Program.
August 1, 10:00am-12:00pm (Houston County)
Houdek Farm, Kris & Wayne Houdek
12858 Malay Rd, Caldenonia, MN
Directions: From Hwy 60 east of Caldenonia on Cty Hwy 3, 0.7 miles east on Malay Rd.
Features: The Houdek Farm has 3 row heifer freestalls with Select-Detect heat detection system. They also have a number of other heifer facilities.
August 11, 1:00am-3:00pm (Brown County)
Lax Dairy, Steven & Jeanette/Mike & Cheyenne Lax
9000 132nd Ave, Sleepy Eye, MN
Directions: From Sleepy Eye, 1 mile west of Sleepy Eye on Hwy 14, 1 mile south on 280th Ave, 1.5 miles west on 201st St, 2 miles south on 295th Ave, look for a large monoslope barn on left side of road.
Features: Two-generation dairy working together. Expanded to 215 cows housed in sand bedded freestalls while continuing to milk in old parlor. Built a barn to house fresh cows in 2011. Waste milk is pasteurized for calves, with dry cows and heifers stored on sand.
Lunch will be provided.
August 14, 10:30am-12:30pm (Benton County)
Ackerman Dairy, Pete & Kevin Ackerman
4793 70th St NE, Sauk Rapids, MN
Directions: From Hwy 10 at Sauk Rapids, 2.5 miles east on Benton Co Rd 3, (Golden Spike Rd), 3.5 miles north on Cty Rd 58, 1.25 miles east on 70th St NE. From Foley, 5.75 miles west on Cty Rd 4, 1/2 mile north on 55th Ave NE, 1/2 mile west on 70th St NE. Watch for signs.
Features: Implementing inter-generational farm transfer. This custom dairy heifer raising operation has a one-time capacity of 1000 heifers in a variety of housing types. They take in heifers from weaning up to close springers before they are returned to their home farms.
August 18, 1:00-3:00pm (Renville County)
Kieffer Farm, Gary & Linda Kieffer
16177 Hwy 61 Blvd, Welch, MN
Directions: 3.25 miles east of the intersection of MN Hwys 61 & 316 (south of Sleepy Eye). 1 mile north of the intersection of MN Hwys 61 & 19 (west of Red Wing). NOTE: MN Hwy 19 is closed for construction this summer.
Features: This custom dairy heifer raising operation has a one-time capacity of 1000 heifers in a variety of housing types. They take in heifers from weaning up to close springers before they are returned to their home farms.
September 20, 9:30-12:00pm (Winona County)
Kieffer Farm, Gary & Linda Kieffer
26254 Cty Rd 33, Ulloa, MN
Directions: Farm is located south of Ulloa, approximately 1.5 miles south of MN Hwy 14.
Features: Kieffer started with 3 Lieby robotic milkers and added 2 more robots in 2012. They milk about 320 cows with RHA over 27,000 lb. Discussions at the field day will cover nutrition concerns with robotic milkers, economics of robots, associated technologies available with robotic milkers, and impacts on the family after changing to robotics.
Lunch will be provided. Event sponsored by AgStar & Central Minnesota Dairy Profit Team.