Successful Dairy Systems
Summer Field Days
— 2015 —

11 Locations Across Minnesota

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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

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

Dates/Locations:
- Jul 21: Rinde Farms (Todd County)
- Jul 28: Richland Dairy (Rice County)
- Jul 30: Bode Dairy & Feedlot Co (Sibley County)
- Aug 6: Johnson Farm (Winona County)
- Aug 11: WCROC Organic Dairy (Stevens County)
- Aug 11: Willie Dairy (Becker County)
- Aug 12: High Point Dairy (Stearns County)
- Aug 12: Southern ROC (Waseca County)
- Aug 19: Pangrac Farm (Winona County)
- Aug 19: Kieffer Farm (Winona County)
- Aug 20: Gunderson Brothers (Morrison County)

Registration: Starts 15 to 30 minutes before program. Pre-registration requested at some locations.

Cost: Small fee at some locations. Lunch is 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.
Lunch will be provided by Form lights and variable speed vacuum, well and milk pumps. Cropping. To improve energy efficiency, they have LED solids for bedding. They have GEA automated calf feeder, and farm transition.

Lunch will be provided. Sponsored by the Central MN Dairy Profit Team.

Richland Dairy
Alan & Andy Meyer
21546 Jacobs Ave, Kenyon, MN
Features: Richland Dairy transitioned their milking herd from a well-used stanchion barn to a 120-cow robotic milking facility in the Fall of 2010. The cows are housed in a three-row, sand-bedded freestall, featuring automatic manure scrapers, feed pushers and curtains. Additional updates have been made to improve their older heifer and dry cow facilities. This tour also will focus discussions on different types of milking systems and heifer-raising facilities.

Lunch will be provided.

July 30, 10:30am-1:30pm (Sibley Cty)
Bode Dairy & Feedlot Co
Melvin & Lois; Arlen & Becky; Vance & Jolene; Brandon & Cody
66546 240th St, Gibbon, MN
Features: Three generation farm that expanded to 200 cows in 1994. In 2012, they added another 300-cow barn and currently have over 600 cows with a goal of 800. Since 2011 they have been using separated cow barn and currently have over 600 cows with a goal of 200 cows in 1994. In 2012, they added another 300.

Features: The University’s organic dairy will feature Organic Valley’s Mark Kopecky and his seminar on soil fertility in dairy pastures and interpreting soil analysis. Updates of current research on organic projects at the West Central ROC will also be included. Field tours and a pasture walk discussing grazing and species selection, as well as a stockmanship demonstration. The West Central ROC has a 250-cow grazing and organic dairy production system.

Lunch will be provided.

August 11, 10:00am-2:00pm (Becker Cty)
Willie Dairy
Brian & Aaron Willie
23660 Wheeler Lake Rd, Detroit Lakes, MN
Features: In August 2014, the Willies started milking with a free flow AMS Galaxy double-box robot that was retrofitted into an existing 80-cow barn. Recently installed Urban Automatic calf feeders to replace their mob feeders.

Lunch will be provided. Sponsored by Dairyland Equipment of Menahga; Bremer Bank, Detroit Lakes; West Central MDI.

August 6, 10:30am-2:00pm (Winona Cty)
Johnson Farm
Darren & Lynn Johnson
33721 Boynton Dr, Winona, MN
Features: New freestall barn with a center drover lane and perimeter feeding for the cows. This field day will include facilities tour, manure management talk, and a discussion on farm family growth for the future.

Lunch will be provided.

August 12, 10:00am-12:30pm (Stearns Cty)
High Point Dairy
Joe & Kim Engelmeyer
31414 Hwy 17, Melrose, MN
Features: Joe and Kim purchased and took over the farm from Sam and Jane Salzi in Fall 2011. While under Sam and Jane’s ownership, the farm updated in 1998 with a tandem parlor installed in the tie stall barn and a freestall barn was built. The Engelmeyers milk 105 cows and farm 260 acres of corn, alfalfa, barley and peas. Since taking over the farm, Joe and Kim have added fans, tunnel ventilation, and baffles in the freestall barn. They also have started using the Cow Manager program from Select Sires and have been able to nearly double their pregnancy rate.

Lunch will be provided.

August 12, 10:00am-12:30pm (Waseca Cty)
Southern Research & Outreach Center (ROC)
Jim Paulson & Hugh Chester-Jones
35838 120th St, Waseca, MN
Features: Southern ROC custom raises heifer calves for three dairy farms. This field day will feature facilities, research summaries, auto calf feeders, pasteurization, and a comparison of feeding whole milk to milk replacer in a system.

Lunch provided.

August 19, 10:00am-12:00pm (Winona Cty)
Kieffer Farm
Gary & Linda Kieffer
26234 County Rd 33, Utica, MN
Features: Robotic milkers, forage management for top production, a talk on rakes vs. mergers and the effects of dirt contamination of forages. This is a joint field day with Pangrac Farm.

Lunch provided at Pangrac Farm. Jointly sponsored by UMN Extension, Midwest Forage Assoc, SE MN Dairy Initiatives, and SE MN Forage Council.

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