We will tour 2 dairy farms in Carver County that are doing great work in the area of transition cows. Other highlights will include automated calf feeding and updating heifer facilities.

Lunch will be included with the tour—served at Augusta Park. Please follow signs to the park when leaving Tellers Dairy Farm.

The Carver/Wright/Hennepin Holstein Club will be hosting a judging contest at Southview Dairy. Prizes will be awarded to adult and youth divisions.

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TOUR STOP #1
Tellers Dairy Farm
8865 Tellers Road, Chaska
Mike & Donna Tellers and their family milk 50 cows in a tie stall barn with tunnel ventilation. They use a TMR for lactating cows. Tellers will discuss how they monitor and care for close up and fresh cows. Protocol for these cows is written and posted for everyone on the dairy. DHIA records show a tight calving interval, high pregnancy rate and high herd average. Dr. Noah Litherland, Extension Dairy Nutritionist will discuss the science behind the success of the Tellers transition program.

TOUR STOP #2
Southview Dairy LLC
6455 County Road 140, Cologne
Don & Mark Hesse and family milk 120 cows which are housed in a freestall setting. The barns have cooling systems installed utilizing sprinklers and fans. They have recently built a new heifer facility which enables them to raise their replacements at the home farm resulting in more control of the heifer diet. They are currently installing an automated calf feeding system. This system handles milk replacer only and is one of the more affordable options on the market. Automated calf feeding systems will be discussed by Jim Paulson, Extension Educator—Dairy. The dry cow program at Southview Dairy uses grass hay, corn silage and supplements to meet the needs during the transition. The use of grass hay in dry cow diets will be discussed by Dr. Litherland.

SCHEDULE
10:00 TOUR STOP #1
Tellers Dairy Farm
Noon LUNCH
grilled burgers, fixins' and sides at Augusta Park
1:30 TOUR STOP #2
Southview Dairy LLC
Includes a judging contest hosted by the Carver/Wright/Hennepin Holstein Club
3:00 Adjourn for a safe trip home!

Thank you

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There is no fee for this event. Anyone interested or involved in the dairy industry is encouraged to attend.

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