Dairy Feed Efficiency

September 23-26, 2013
Northern Illinois University
Conference Center in Naperville, IL
Hosted by the American Dairy Science Association®

Conference Objective
The increased demand for livestock feed, the use feed grains for ethanol production, and recent supply disruptions such as the 2012 drought have combined to more than double feed costs on U.S. Dairy Farms during the last 5 years. Feed is by far the largest single expense of dairy farm operating costs. High feed costs are having major negative impacts on dairy farm economic viability. Consequently, feed efficiency is a topic of major interest in the dairy industry and a subject of renewed research interest. This Discover Conference will focus on the key factors that affect dairy feed efficiency.

The goals of the conference are to stimulate cross disciplinary discussion, develop new ideas, and stimulate new interactions among dairy industry professionals including consultants and dairy nutritionists, allied industry professionals, and key players from the academic, government and research communities. Through its presentation and discussion format, the Discover Conference on Dairy Feed Efficiency will provide a unique forum for discussing a topic of critical importance to the dairy industry.

Conference Topics
- Biology of Feed Efficiency
- Nutritional Aspects of Feed Efficiency
- Genetics of Feed Efficiency
- Management Strategies to Improve Feed Efficiency
- Feed Efficiency Effects on Economics and Sustainability

Who Should Attend?
This conference is for members of the dairy science community who are interested in the impact of nutrition, genetics, physiology, health, and/or management on feed efficiency. Researchers, extension specialists, and consultants from academia, government agencies, and allied industries encompassing feed and animal health companies are invited. Graduate students are encouraged to attend.

Registration
Registration postmarked by August 23, 2013 is $375.00 for ADSA-ASAS-ARPAS members and $425.00 for non-members, which includes sessions and most meals. After August 23, the registration fee will be $475.00 member/$525.00 non-member, and will be accepted on an availability basis. To optimize interaction among participants, registration will be limited to the first 130 applications received.

Accommodations
All participants are responsible for making their own lodging reservations. The conference hotel is Country Inn & Suites, Naperville. Reservations can be made online at the Conference Accommodations link at http://www.adsa.org/Meetings/DiscoverConferences/26thDiscoverConference.aspx

Travel
The NIU Conference Center in Naperville is located in the western suburbs of DuPage County. The center is easily accessible from Interstates 88 and 355, only 27 miles from both O’Hare and Midway International Airports.