



# North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge

***Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.***

In accordance with the plan of activities of the 2010 North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge, we would like to extend an invitation to participate in a farm tour before the program begins on **Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please consider this opportunity when booking your travel. The nearest airport is Fresno Yosemite International Airport, while San Francisco and Los Angeles airports are three to four hours from the site. Details of the tours are as follows:

## **TOUR A: 10:00 – 12:00 Visit to Maddox Dairy**

The Maddox family operates two dairies, collectively managing 12,000 Holsteins with approximately 5,400 milking animals. These farms combine to form the largest Registered Holstein dairy in the United States. The herd at RuAnn Dairy consists of 100% Registered Holsteins and serves as the foundation for the dairies' genetic programs. Maddox Dairy milks 3,600 head three times per day in four double-13 parlors. Together, the dairies have a rolling herd average of approximately 27,000 pounds of milk, 3.7% fat and 3.3% protein.

## **Lunch at Maddox Dairy, sponsored by World Wide Sires, Ltd.**

## **TOUR B: 2:30 – 4:45 Visit to Rancho Teresita Dairy**

The Rancho Teresita Dairy is owned by the Kasbergen family. The dairy actively participates in community events and education about dairying. In 2008, they invited students of the Annual Western Dairy Challenge to visit then. The UC Davis Vet Center said it is the type of dairy that brought the vet center to set up base in Tulare County. The Kasbergens milk 3,000 cows and have a rolling herd average of 25,420 pounds with 3.5% fat and 3.1% protein. They milk half of their herd twice a day and they milk the other half three times a day. For heat detection, they have just started a new program: AI 24. They have two double 25 parallel parlors and freestall housing bedded with compost manure. They raise replacement heifers on the dairy.

If you plan to attend the pre-competition farm tour, please respond on your contest entry form by February 15, 2010 with the number of people who plan to attend so we can make accommodations for lunch.

**Thank You! We look forward to hosting you!**