

NORTH AMERICAN INTERCOLLEGIATE Dairy Challenge

Tomorrow's Dairy Leaders

December 12, 2011

Dear Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge Participant,

Thank you for your entry into the upcoming Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge being hosted by Kansas State University, Tuesday, January 31 – Thursday, February 2, 2012, in St. Joseph, Missouri. This email is to acknowledge and confirm your school's Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge entry.

Please note: Due to an increase in the number of schools participating in this year's contest, the first four students that were entered by each school may participate. The additional students entered, as noted on the entry forms, by the following schools may also participate: University of Minnesota (2 students), Iowa State University (1 student), Ohio State University (1 student), University of Wisconsin-Madison (2 students), University of Missouri-Columbia (1 student) and South Dakota State University (1 student). *****If any of the above schools will NOT be bringing the additional students noted, please notify NAIDC as soon as possible. There is a waiting list and it is our goal to give as many students as possible the opportunity to participate in the Midwest Dairy Challenge.*****

All payments (\$50 team entry fee plus \$350 for each additional student as indicated above) must be sent to NAIDC, 3310 Latham Drive, Madison, WI 53713 and be received by **January 13, 2012**.

Each student participant must complete the following forms: Skills Assessment Form, Liability Waiver and Personal Information Waiver. **All forms are due back to NAIDC by January 13, 2012.** Forms may be emailed, faxed or mailed.

- The contestant Skills Assessment Form is used to more easily group students into appropriate aggregate teams. NEW for 2012: Students will be asked to indicate the three areas of the industry in which they will most likely seek employment upon graduation. It is critical for students to properly complete this section as this information will be used to coordinate additional student interaction opportunities with sponsors.
- The Participation Release Waiver and Release of Liability Waiver must be filled out by every student before they can compete in the contest.
- The Personal Information Release Waiver will be used to provide a complete list of participant contact information to sponsors. Each student will be required to sign this release of personal data to have their information included in the packets for networking.

Other items of note:

- At the upcoming contest, most materials will be presented electronically. Please be sure all computers you bring can read the most current versions of PDF.
- In addition to school computers, participants are welcome to bring their own computers for use during preparation time.
- **NEW at this year's contest:** Beginning at 4:00pm on Tuesday, January 31, four-thirty minute presentations will be given covering the following topics: Using Records to Evaluate Reproductive Management, Financial Records - What's Important to the Banker and Why, Improving Forage Quality and Improving Feed Cost by Cutting Waste and Negative Impacts of Lameness in Dairy Herds. These will be practical presentations, incorporating the use of records and other data, to identify potential problems and then provide potential solutions. Presentations will be made by industry professionals. These are optional, but are anticipated to be very useful to the students. Those arriving after 4:00pm are welcome to join the group. A more detailed schedule will be provided prior to the contest.

A final letter with last minute details will be sent after January 13, 2012. Please let me know if there is any way we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,
John Goeser
Midwest Dairy Challenge Chairman

Bryan Horn
Midwest Dairy Challenge Co-Chairman