



2023 North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge & Academy

Thursday, March 30 – Saturday April 1, 2023
Saratoga Springs City Center in Saratoga Springs, New York
Hosted by the Northeast Regional Dairy Challenge Planning Committee

Travel Information for Universities

Thursday Optional Pre-Contest Activities

New York state ranks 4th in the country for milk production, but you may not be aware it also has a rich horse racing industry. The oldest racetrack in the country is in Saratoga Springs, NY. The world-famous **Saratoga Racetrack and Belmont Park** (hosts the Belmont Stakes, one of the needed wins to obtain the coveted Triple Crown title). We invite you to join us on Thursday morning to learn more about the industry that generates 3 billion dollars in economic impact and 19,000 jobs.

On Thursday afternoon we invite you to join us at Welcome Stock Farm (about 20 minutes away). There students will meet Neil and Bill Peck regarding their 950 cow Registered Holstein Dairy and genetic marketing program. During the remaining afternoon you will visit stations around the dairy to become more familiar with what a successful dairy operation must do in the northeast to prosper.

Later on Thursday we will return to the Saratoga Conference to participate in a discussion on dairy herd financials.

Key points:

- ✓ Both tours are close by. The raceway is 5 minutes from the hotel & conference center, and Welcome Stock Farm 20 minutes away.
- ✓ Lunch will be provided at the Racehorse Tour for those who registered for it.
- ✓ Those not attending the morning session but attending the Dairy Tour should not wander throughout the dairy ahead of the tour starting at 1 pm.
- ✓ Safety vests will be issued for the Thursday farm tour. Participants should keep their vests for the farm visits on Friday; the vest will be their ticket on the Friday bus.
- ✓ All participants will be placed in groups to be used at each tour.

Schedule:

9:00-9:15 a.m.	Travel to Fasig Tipton parking lot at 153 George St, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. We will assemble in groups to do the walking tour.
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	The group will be split between National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame and Humphrey S. Finney Pavilion the site of the well-known Fasig-Tipton Horse Sales
12:00 p.m.	Boxed lunches, plastic boots and safety vest will be distributed at the end of the morning tour from the Fasig Tipton parking lot under the Pioneer canopy.

- 12:15 p.m. Travel to **Welcome Stock Farm** 285 W. River Road Schuylerville, New York 12871. *Schools who did not pick up plastic boots and safety vests at the lunch tent should do so when they arrive.*
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Tour of Welcome Stock Farms. (20 minutes away) Starting at 1:00 pm the group will meet Bill and Neil Peck regarding their 950 cow Registered Holstein Dairy. Welcome Stock Farm has actively embraced Genomics on their dairy and in the past welcomed the NE Dairy Challenge both as a host dairy and tour location. You will visit stations around the dairy to become more familiar with what a successful dairy operation must do in the NE to prosper.
- 4:00 p.m. We will return to the Saratoga Conference Center Ballroom AB for a discussion regarding dairy herd financials.

If you have any questions or need help, please call Molly Kelley at 217/493-3441 or Barry Putnam at 607/793-3746.

Schools *not* participating in Thursday's program should arrive in Saratoga Springs no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 30.

Onsite registration will be open 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. at the Saratoga Springs Conference Center (attached to the Saratoga Hilton). Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM, immediately followed by contest overview and data distribution for contest and Academy participants.

Airports

For those planning to fly to the Dairy Challenge, we recommend flying into Albany International Airport (ALB), which is about 25 miles.

Hotel

The Student/Coach hotel is [The Saratoga Hilton](#) at 534 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866 PH: (518) 584-4000. Complete information on housing including reservations will be sent with your entry confirmation in February. This will also be posted on our national contest webpage. Please note, unlike regional events, **for this event it will be your responsibility to submit housing reservations for you and your student participants.** Student rooms are paid for by the contest, coaches' rooms are the school's responsibility.

NAIDC will pay for Wednesday night student rooms for those schools needing it. Indicate need for Wednesday rooms in Saratoga Springs on your entry form. Schools should plan to depart either after the banquet on Saturday, April 1 or on Sunday, April 2.

Travel Support Available for Schools

A pool of sponsor funds has been set aside to support National Contest travel costs for schools in need. Again this year: schools must apply for assistance. The stipend amount awarded to each school will depend on the number of applications approved. Application requirements: Schools

must have a team competing in the national contest and must travel (drive or fly) at least 800 miles to be considered for the stipend. **Deadline to submit this form: February 1, 2023.** Schools receiving travel assistance will be notified prior to the February 21 registration deadline to assist with travel plans. Interested schools should complete the form (attached to email), also available on the [2023 National Contest](#) webpage.

Meals

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided for one Contest coach and/or one Academy coach, each Academy participant and Contest team member on the days of March 30, March 31, and April 1.
- Those with dietary restrictions should note such when completing their entry form so catering staff can be alerted.
- Teams bringing more than one Contest coach and/or more than one Academy coach are asked to pay the full price for the additional meals (\$170) when completing the entry form.