



## 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. Boxed lunches will be distributed at the end of the tour.

On Thursday afternoon we invite you to join us at King Ransom Dairy (about 20 minutes away). There students will hear from Jeff and Jan King regarding their 1,000 cow Registered Holstein Dairy and their decision to process their own production and start at retail farm market. 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 Center to enjoy some of King's Dairy ice cream and a discussion regarding dairy herd financials.

#### Key points:

- ✓ Advance registration for each event and for lunch is required using the entry form.
- ✓ Schools are responsible for their own transportation on Thursday. Those flying should book a rental car to get from the airport to Saratoga Springs and to the optional tours on Thursday.
- ✓ Both Thursday tour locations are close (under 10 miles) and may make airport shuttle and rideshare options with another school, or with Uber and Lyft worth investigating.
- ✓ Thursday events are optional and available for schools who are able to arrive early.

#### Thursday, March 30 Schedule:

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.      The group will be split between National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame (hyper-link <https://www.racingmuseum.org/>) and Humphrey S. Finney Pavilion the site of the well known Fasig-Tipton Horse Sales <https://www.saratoga.com/things-to-do/fasig-tipton/>)

1. At the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame you'll learn more about New York's deep roots in Horse racing and its impact on the state.
2. At the pavilion you'll learn more about the three annual sales that are held Fasig-Tipton company started in 1898, which is now owned by a firm in Dubai and better understand the thoroughbred horse industry.

12:15 p.m.

Boxed lunches to be distributed at the end of the morning tour

1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Tour of King's Dairy home of King Ransom Farms Holsteins. (20 minutes away) Starting at 1:00 pm the group will hear from Jeff and Jan King regarding their 1,000 cow Registered Holstein Dairy and their decision to process their own production and start at retail farm market. 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 NE to prosper.

4:00 p.m.

We will return to the Saratoga Conference Center for King's Dairy Ice Cream and a discussion regarding dairy herd financials.

Remember New York and the NE are more than people or places you might have heard of! We are looking forward to Hosting you and know it will open some eyes to Agriculture in the NE.

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.