



## 2026 North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge & Academy

Sunday April 12 – Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Hosted by South Dakota State University, Iowa State University, Dordt University  
and the Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge Planning Committee

Denny Sanford Premier Center/Sheraton Sioux Falls in Sioux Falls, South Dakota

<https://www.dairychallenge.org/contests/national-contest-and-academy/>

### Optional Pre-Contest Farm Tour at Perry Creek Dairy

Sunday, April 12, 2026

12:00 PM and 2:00 PM

Perry Creek Dairy in Merrill, Iowa has offered to host Dairy Challenge participants on Sunday, April 12. Tour option #1 is 12:00 – 1:00 PM, Tour option #2 is 2:00 – 3:00 PM. **To help with planning, schools interested in touring this dairy should confirm plans by completing this form:**

<https://forms.gle/LCbgfPKW2UaE5Wxt5>

Schools should bring **clean** farm clothing, and their own clean boots and/or boot covers for the Sunday farm visit.

**Perry Creek Dairy, Owner Scott Thoms**

**20243 Co Rd K22, Merrill, IA 51038**

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**Questions? Call Gail Carpenter, 2026 National Contest Host: 517/204-4957**

This is a new facility that was built in 2018 and is a little over an hour from the Denny Sanford Center. They have an 80-cow rotary viewable from an observation deck.

