

*The Department of Animal Science, University of Minnesota, is proud to announce*

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Biannual W. E. Petersen Symposium**

### **"Exploring Viable Dairy System Alternatives for Minnesota"**

**Monday, April 25, 1:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Student Center Theatre, St. Paul Campus**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

#### *History and Purpose of the W. E. Petersen Symposium*

Moderator: Jeff Reneau, Professor, Department of Animal Science

#### *Welcome and Overview Minnesota Dairy Industry*

Gene Hugoson, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

#### *"Economically Feasible Dairy System Alternatives for Minnesota"*

Stephen B. Harsh, Professor, Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University

#### *"Successful Transitions ↔ Engaging Everyone"*

Robert A. Milligan, Sr. Consultant, Dairy Strategies LLC and Professor Emeritus, Economics, Cornell University

#### *"Is the Family a Trampoline, a Press or a Pulley"* *(Dairy Systems Impact on the Family)*

Sharon Danes, Professor and Extension Specialist, Family Social Science, University of Minnesota

#### *"Dairy Systems Impact on the Environment"*

Neil C. Hansen, Associate Professor, Soil and Crop Sciences, Colorado State University

#### *"Dairy Systems Impact on Animal Welfare"*

Daniel M. Weary, Professor, Animal Welfare Program, University of British Columbia

The objective of this year's symposium is to explore what dairy system alternatives are most likely to be successful over the next 10-20 years in Minnesota and identify likely impacts of the dairy industry moving in this direction. This seminar will explore implications of various systems relative to economics, human resources, farm families, rural communities, environmental impacts and animal welfare considerations. It is a chance to hear the top experts discuss the impacts of alternative dairy systems.

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