

Georgia Dairy CONFERENCE

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The Southeast's Premier Dairy Industry Event
GUEST REGISTRATION GUIDE

January
19-21, 2026

Marriott Savannah
Riverfront

Join us for the 2026 Georgia Dairy Conference

For the last 16 years, Georgia Milk Producers has hosted the Southeast's premier dairy conference in Savannah, Georgia. This "must attend" event provides companies with the opportunity to hear from top educators, industry pioneers, and fellow dairymen.

Attendees enjoy networking with each other, sharing ideas, and building new working relationships within the dairy industry.

We understand that each dairy farm is different, and the dairy industry is comprised of producers with varying management structures and styles. That is why we design our programming to benefit dairy farms of all sizes.

The 2025 Georgia Dairy Conference had over 145 dairy farmers from 12 different states in attendance.

2025 Georgia Dairy Conference Attendance Statistics

Total Attendance **614**

Total Farms **83**

Total Producers **149**

Total Cows **105,000+**



Registration*

Early Bird = \$250 Regular = \$300

All guest registrations include access to the GDC General Session Seminars and GDC Tradeshow, breakfast on Tuesday and Wednesday, admission to the GDC Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, and all exhibitor break refreshments.

Georgia Dairy Farmers - FREE

Georgia dairy farmers, their families, and farm employees receive complimentary registration



*Full registration details on page 5.

What's Happening at GDC?

GDC Tradeshow

The Georgia Dairy Conference is the LARGEST educational dairy conference and tradeshow in the Southeastern United States that unites producers, vendors, and industry leaders under one roof. Be sure to participate in our Tradeshow during exhibitor breaks and browse the 70+ booths and exhibits of dairy companies and allied industry.



Dairy Spouse Event

Each year GDC provides the opportunity for spouses to fellowship with other dairy wives on the Tuesday morning of the conference. This event is a great opportunity for spouses to meet one another and share their dairy experiences while enjoying a relaxing morning. You can RSVP for this event when you register for the conference, registering on-site at the event by visiting the registration desk, or by emailing gadairyconference@gamilk.org.



Continuing ED Credit Hours for GDC Attendees

Veterinarians, animal nutritionists, and certified waste operators attending the 2026 Georgia Dairy Conference can earn continuing education credit hours. Registration and certificate proof can be found at the GDC registration table during the event.

GA Dairy Youth Foundation

The Georgia Dairy Youth Foundation develops and provides broad-based financial support to enhance and expand Georgia Dairy Youth programs conducted via local, state, and national activities. Join us in supporting GDYF at the Georgia Dairy Conference by participating in multiple giving opportunities.

Silent & Live Auction



Be sure to visit the GDYF silent auction in the registration lobby during Monday and Tuesday's events and bid on items donated by GDC exhibitors and GDYF supporters.

During Tuesday's GDC Awards Luncheon, GDYF will hold a live auction at the end of the program. All proceeds go towards funding youth livestock events and fostering the next generation of dairy leaders.

If you have an item you would like to contribute to either auction, email us at gadairyconference@gamilk.org.

Tentative Schedule

Monday, January 19

7:00 am	ACCM Board of Directors Meeting
8:00 am	Georgia Milk Producers Board of Directors Meeting
8:30 am	Registration Opens for Guests & Producers
9:30 am	GDC Pre-Conference Symposium
12:00 pm	GA Dairy Youth Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 pm	The Dairy Alliance / ADA of GA Meeting
1:30 pm	General Session I Begins
	General Session Seminar Barbara O'Brien, CEO & President of Dairy Management Inc.
2:15 pm	Analyzing Markets and Trends in the Dairy Industry Corey Geiger, CoBank
3:00 pm	Exhibitor Break in Atrium
3:45 pm	General Session II Begins
	Beef Market Trends and Analysis Gylinn Tonsor, Kansas State University
4:15 pm	Southeast Dairy Outlook Calvin Covington, Retired CEO Southeast Milk Inc.
5:15 pm	Georgia Dairy Conference Day One Concludes - Open Dinner

Tuesday, January 20

7:00 am	Continental Breakfast Opens in Atrium
8:00 am	General Session III Begins
	Spotlight Symposium on Milk Quality Andy Johnson, Dairy Consultant
8:45 am	Spotlight Symposium on Milk Quality David Reid, Rocky Ridge Dairy Consulting, LLC
9:30 am	Exhibit Break in Atrium
10:30 am	General Session IV Begins
11:15 am	Spotlight Symposium on Milk Quality Justine Britten, Udder Health Systems
	Spotlight Symposium on Milk Quality Brandon Triecklor, Select Milk Producers
12:00 pm	GMP Awards Luncheon / GA Dairy Youth Live Auction
1:30 pm	General Session V Begins
	Joining the Eight Pound Club: Focusing on Milk Yield Mike Hutjens, University of Illinois
2:15 pm	Understanding and Preventing Embryonic Loss Matt Lucy, University of Missouri
3:00 pm	Exhibit Break in Atrium
3:30 pm	General Session VI Begins
	Better Farm Management , Grant Wiese, Farm640
4:30 pm	Data-Driven Decision Making Miel Hostens, Cornell University
5:15 pm	Georgia Dairy Conference Day One Concludes - Open Dinner

Wednesday, January 21

7:00 am	Continental Breakfast Opens in Atrium
8:00 am	General Session VII Sponsored by Georgia ACC for Milk
	Southeast Checkoff Update , Farrah Newberry, The Dairy Alliance
9:15 am	Beyond the Nutrient Management Plan: Using Real-Time Nitrogen Tracking to Inform Applications Jackson Stansell, Founder & CEO of Sentinel Ag
9:30 am	Exhibit Break in Atrium
10:30 am	General Session VIII Begins
	General Session Seminar , TBD
11:15 am	Protecting Your Farm Against New World Screwworm , Nancy Hinkle, University of Georgia
12:00 pm	Georgia Dairy Conference Concludes

Registration Information

Guest Registration Deadlines

Early Bird: Aug 1- Nov 30; **Regular:** Dec 1 - Dec 30; **Late:** Dec 31 - Jan 12

All guest registrations for the 2026 Georgia Dairy Conference include access to the GDC Tradeshow, General Session Seminar Series, Pre-Conference Symposium, GMP Awards Luncheon, and complimentary breakfast at our host hotel. Take advantage of our discounted registration rates today and secure your spot at the Southeast’s premier dairy event.

GA Milk Producers Members - FREE

The Georgia Dairy Conference began as a way to bring together Georgia’s dairy farm families to fellowship and celebrate the Georgia dairy industry. As our program has grown, Georgia Milk Producers, Inc. has remained committed to that original mission of fostering community among our membership. All permitted Georgia dairy farms, their employees, and family will receive complimentary registrations for the 2026 Georgia Dairy Conference.

Out-of-State Producers, Veterinarians, Industry Reps, and Guests - \$250 (early bird)

The Georgia Dairy Conference agenda is designed to benefit dairy producers, industry representatives, and consultants from across the country. We believe the strength of our industry comes from the individuals working each day to improve their herds and our industry. Our program is designed to encourage networking and collaboration so that everyone can have an enjoyable and educational experience.

Early Bird: August 1 - November 30	\$250
Regular: December 1 - December 30	\$300
Late: December 31 - January 12	\$325

Register Online Today!

Registration for the Georgia Dairy Conference is now 100% online. Visit our website www.gadairyconference.com to register for the conference, learn more about this year’s program, and plan your trip to beautiful Savannah, GA.

PLEASE NOTE:

Georgia Milk Producers, Inc. is committed to providing an optimal educational experience for attendees.

Georgia Milk reserves the right to deny admission either in advance or on-site to anyone whom it believes will disrupt the conference or hinder the learning experience. This decision will be based in part upon the individual's history and/or the history of the organization with whom the person is affiliated.

To ensure that this event provides an optimal educational experience for all attendees, your registration is subject to final approval.

Enjoy Beautiful Savannah, GA



Savannah is widely considered the "Hostess City of the South." It's a timeless Southern gem where history, culture, and natural beauty merge together. Our host hotel provides attendees with easy access to the finest restaurants and most popular attractions in the city. Throughout the conference, feel free to explore the culture of Georgia's first city or watch the ships sail into the Port of Savannah, all within walking distance of the Marriott Savannah Riverfront.

You can learn more about Savannah and its rich culture at www.visitsavannah.com or travel.usnews.com/Savannah_GA/

Parking & In-Room Wifi

Guests of the Georgia Dairy Conference receive reduced parking rates of \$22 per day. All conference guests will receive complimentary WiFi in their rooms as well as in the conference center.

Accommodations

Take advantage of special room rates for the 2026 Georgia Dairy Conference by making your reservations before Thursday, December 26, 2025.

The Marriott Savannah Riverfront is offering room rates for those attending the Georgia Dairy Conference from Saturday, January 17 until Wednesday, January 21, at \$175.00/room for single and double occupancy rooms. Attendees must register to attend the Georgia Dairy Conference prior to reserving their room at the host hotel. After registering for the conference online (www.gadairyconference.com), registrants will receive an email with instructions on how to reserve your room in our discounted room block.



See you in Savannah!



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