DAY ONE: Dairy Community
Portion of the 2016 Program

Wed., November 16

9:00 am Welcome—(Joe West and John Bernard) & Overview and Objectives of the SQMI Project (Steve Oliver)

9:15 am Current status of milk quality in the SE (Gina Pighetti)

9:45 am Optimize your feeding program to maximize milk quality (John Bernard)

10:15 am Refreshment Break

10:45 am Mastitis decision-making tools made easy (Jeffrey Bewley)

11:15 am Producer panel on lowering BT SCC

11:45 am Interpreting BT bacteria and SCC (Kristy Campbell)

12:15 – 1:15 pm BBQ Lunch & Poster Viewing

1:15 pm Motivating employees as a means of buying into herd health and milk quality (Ron Erskine)

1:45 pm Genetic and environmental factors influence the immune system and mastitis (Corwin Nelson)

2:15 pm Managing heat stress in transition cows to improve milk quality (Sha Tao)

2:45 - 3:15 pm Travel to Tifton Dairy for milk/ice cream/coffee break followed by workshop

3:15 pm Milking procedures and equipment training (Christina Petersson-Wolfe)

4:00 pm Managing sand bedding for low bacteria counts (John Bernard)

4:30 pm Transition cow management (Dave McClary)

5:15 pm Depart dairy for dinner

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DAY TWO: SQMI Team Meeting with Advisory Panel

Thurs., Nov. 17

8:30 am –12:00 pm Reporting on Objective 1-4 Accomplishments and update on Michigan project

8:30 am Objective 1—Identify factors affecting limited adoption of mastitis control practices and develop strategies to promote adoption (Mark Fly/Susan Schxnayder)

9:00 am Objective 2—Conduct research to evaluate management practices required to control mastitis and enhance milk quality (Gina Pighetti)

9:30 am Objective 3—Provide producers with decision/support tools and services needed to make informed decisions regarding milk quality (Jeffrey Bewley)

10:00 am Refreshment Break

10:30 am Objective 4—Develop continuing education programs to create human resources needed to serve the dairy industry (Steve Nickerson)

11:00 am Update/progress report on Michigan project (Ron Erskine)

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Impressions of SQMI accomplishments presented by Advisory Panel

2:00 pm SQMI’s reply to Panel impressions and closing remarks by Steve Oliver and Advisory Board Representative

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION & LODGING

Registration deadline: Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016.

Dairy Producer/Student: $20.
Non-Dairy Producer/Non-Student: $100.
Access the registration form now or visit sequalitymilk.com.
Contact Steve Nickerson at 706-340-3367 or scn@uga.edu with any questions.

A block of rooms at the Country Inn and Suites has been secured for the nights of November 15 and 16. The rate is $85 + tax (12%) + $5 Georgia Transportation Fee or $100.20/night per room. They will have a mix of either 2 queen or 1 king size bed rooms available. The rate includes a continental breakfast, high speed internet, and access to the business and fitness centers. Participants must contact the hotel directly to make reservations the block before November 1, 2016 at 229-382-8100 and ask to be booked under the SQMI—Southeast Milk Quality Initiative block.

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