

Cal Poly to Hold Cull Cow Fundraiser

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. – The Cal Poly Dairy Science Department will hold its 1st Annual Cal Poly Cull Cow Fundraiser, during the month of June.

Unfortunately, California's fiscal crisis has created a funding shortage for higher education and in-turn directly affecting Cal Poly's hands-on "Learn By Doing" philosophy. The fundraiser is an effort to keep one of the few remaining universities with a dairy department, processing plant and commercial dairy farm in operation during these difficult times.

The Cal Poly Dairy is recognized as one of the very best university herds. The Holsteins have a rolling herd average of more than 28,000 pounds of milk with the longest Holstein USA Pure Bred Registry award recognition in the United States, at 53 years. The Jerseys were recognized the last two years as the highest producing butterfat herd in the United States. What is even more impressive is that Cal Poly students provide all the labor on the farm.

Cal Poly Dairy has continued to reduce feed costs, labor costs, and has made strides to increase operating efficiencies. In addition, the creamery has increased its processing capacity through cheese and ice cream production. However, they still need support to maintain one of the very best Dairy Science teaching programs in the world.

For those producers who are able to donate a cull cow toward this fundraising effort, Cal Poly is asking that you have the local sales yard you work with send your cull cow donation check to the Cal Poly Dairy. If you do not have cows and would still like to help support the university's dairy program, you can send a donation directly to the Cal Poly Dairy Farm. Please mail donation to: Cal Poly State University, Dairy Science Department, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407.

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