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Early Registration Deadline Approaching for I-29 Dairy Conference

Sixth Annual Conference to Focus on Animal Well-Being, Feature Dr. Temple Grandin

JAN. 13, 2010 -- SIOUX FALLS, SD – Dr. Temple Grandin and a top-notch slate of dairy industry experts will focus on animal well-being and sustainability topics at the sixth annual I-29 Dairy Conference. Several early registrants will also win door prize packages of Minnesota Vikings memorabilia, including an autographed football and autographed helmets.

The 2011 I-29 Dairy Conference will be held Feb. 9 and 10 at the Ramkota Inn in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Producers who complete the online registration form at www.sdstate.edu/sdces/resources/animals/dairy/i-29.cfm by Feb. 1 will be eligible for the early registration prize drawing. The event is coordinated by dairy extension specialists from North Dakota State University, Iowa State University, University of Minnesota, University of Nebraska, and South Dakota State University. Additional partners coordinating the conference include Midwest Dairy Association and Southwest Minnesota Dairy Profit Group.

Dr. Temple Grandin, a renowned livestock handling expert who was featured in HBO's Emmy Award-winning film, "*Temple Grandin*," will be the event's keynote speaker. Dr. Grandin has received worldwide acclaim for her ability to design livestock handling systems that reduce stress on animals and improve safety for people working with the livestock. Her keynote presentation at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9, will be open to both conference attendees and the general public.

"We've had a great response to the slate of speakers and are looking forward to strong attendance from dairy producers from all five states of the I-29 corridor," said Kim Clark, dairy research coordinator at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and program chair of the 2011 conference.

Other presentations on Thursday, Feb. 10 include:

- “How Do You Define Sustainability?” Jim Paulson, University of Minnesota
- “Reducing Fear Improves Milk Production,” Temple Grandin, Colorado State University
- “Livestock Care Issues: Past, Present and Future,” Scott Higgins, Ohio Dairy Producers Association
- “Lameness: Effects on Performance, Profit and Welfare,” Jan Shearer, Iowa State University
- “Dairy Carbon Footprints: A Tool for Your Farm,” Crystal Powers, University of Nebraska
- “Mold and Mycotoxins in Your Dairy Feeds,” Lon Whitlow, North Carolina State University

Registration for the full conference is \$25, including the dinner and the keynote presentation on Feb 9 and sessions on Feb. 10. The general public is invited to Dr. Grandin’s keynote presentation on Feb. 9. The admission fee for the keynote presentation only is \$10. Registration will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the door.

More information and the full program schedule is available at:

www.sdstate.edu/sdces/resources/animals/dairy/i-29.cfm

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