New England Dairy Nutrition Conference (Virtual)
Monday March 7, 2022
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Registration Fee: $10
Includes access to all speaker slides after the meeting.

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NEAFA is partnering with UConn, U of Maine, URI, UMASS, UNH, UVM and Cornell for a Virtual Dairy Seminar on Monday, March 7. This event will provide top notch speakers on timely topics impacting dairy herd management.

Co-Hosted By ….

Glenda Pereira, Ph.D.
University of Maine

Rick Grant, Ph.D.
The Miner Institute

Dennis D’Amico, Ph.D.
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AGENDA

10:00 am Call to Order, Review agenda, meeting procedures
10:15 am Comparison of Crossbreds to Holsteins for Confinement and Pasture Production Herds
Glenda Pereira, Ph.D. – University of Maine
11:15 am Boosting Milk Components with Top-Notch Management
Rick Grant, Ph.D. – The Miner Institute
12:15 pm Sponsor Recognition & Break
1:00 pm Overview of the US Artisan and Specialty Cheese Industry and Current Food Safety Concerns
Dennis D’Amico, Ph.D. – University of Connecticut
2:00 pm Mental Health in Agriculture
Kate Downes, NY FarmNet
3:00 pm Adjourn
### Glenda Pereira, Ph.D. - University of Maine
Dr. Pereira is the Extension Dairy Specialist and an Assistant Professor in the School of Food and Agriculture at the University of Maine. In this role, Pereira conducts applied research and develops educational programs for dairy producers across the state of Maine and New England. Dr. Pereira is a recent grad of the University of Minnesota where she focused on precision dairy, crossbreeding, low-input, pasture-based and feed efficiency.

### Rick Grant, Ph.D. - The Miner Institute
Dr. Grant received his B.S. degree in Animal Science, with a dairy science emphasis, from Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. He received a Ph.D. in Animal Science-Ruminant Nutrition from Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. Subsequently, Dr. Grant was a post-doctoral scientist at the US Dairy-Forage Research Center located at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, working with Dr. Dave Mertens on measuring and modeling rumen forage degradation and passage. From 1990 to 2003, Dr. Grant was a Professor and Extension Dairy Specialist in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Since 2003, he has been President of the William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute, Chazy, NY, a non-profit educational and research institution focused on dairy cattle, forage, equine, and nutrient management.

### Dennis D’Amico, Ph.D. - University of Connecticut
Dennis D’Amico is an Associate Professor of Dairy Foods in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Connecticut where his research and outreach efforts focus on improving the safety and quality of milk and value-added dairy products. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Nutrition and Food Sciences and his Ph.D. in Food Microbiology from the University of Vermont. Prior to joining the faculty at UConn he was a founding member of the Vermont Institute for Artisan Cheese where he served as Senior Research Scientist and Lecturer working closely with the artisan cheese industry to develop risk reduction interventions and technical outreach programs. His research continues to examine the presence, ecology, and diversity of microbes in the cheesemaking continuum as well as the natural and novel means of controlling them with a focus on the development and use of natural interventions. Dennis has published more than 60 peer reviewed articles and abstracts on the topic of dairy food safety and quality. He also serves on the board of directors of the American Cheese Society and is an active member of several food safety organizations.

### Kate Downes – NY FarmNet
Kate Downes is the Outreach Director at NY FarmNet helping grow and sustain successful farm operations and healthy farm families throughout New York. In her role, she’s become a leader on issues of rural and farmer mental health and works cooperatively to provide resources and support systems to the agricultural community. Kate's work is shaped by a passion for community and an agricultural connection spanning back to her childhood. Kate holds a Master of Science in Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development from University College Dublin, Ireland and a Bachelor’s degree from the SUNY Cobleskill. Kate is a LEAD NY Class 18 Fellow, serves on the advisory boards of NY Agriculture in the Classroom, and the Forest Learning Collective. She lives with her family among the hills and valleys of Central New York.

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