

STOCKMANSHIP STEWARDSHIP

For Dairy Producers

Tulare, California | March 20-21, 2019

UC Davis Veterinary Medicine Teaching & Research Center
18830 Road 112 | Tulare, CA 93274

Wednesday, March 20

All events will take place at the UC Davis Veterinary Medicine Teaching & Research Center (VMTRC)

2:00 p.m. Registration Opens

2:30 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

3:00 p.m. Dr. Robert Hagevoort, New Mexico State University

Dr. Hagevoort, a co-founder of the U.S. Dairy Education & Training Consortium, brings his expertise on the development and implementation of comprehensive dairy workforce training and safety programs to this comprehensive workshop. This session will feature tips and insight on implementing and evaluating comprehensive workforce training programs in dairy safety, animal handling, parlor performance, calf care, feeder performance, and hospital and maternity care – with a focus on how attendees can take these resources back to their own operations for employee training.

5:30 p.m. Closing Remarks and Preview of Day Two

Review any remaining questions with Dr. Hagevoort, plus get a sneak peak of what's to come in day two with three renowned clinicians and animal husbandry experts: Dr. Ron Gill (Texas A&M University), Curt Pate, and Dr. Hagevoort.

6:00 p.m. Tri-Tip Barbeque Dinner

Join us outside the VMTRC for a delicious Tri-Tip barbecue.

Thursday, March 21

8:00 a.m. Coffee and Pastries

8:30 a.m. Low-Stress Cattle Handling with Curt Pate and Ron Gill

Hear from acclaimed stockmen Curt Pate and Ron Gill about reading cattle behavior, teaching cattle to respond, and more. For decades, Pate and Gill have shared their insight and technical expertise with producers across the globe.

9:30 – Noon Round Robins: Hands-On Training with the Experts

Join each clinician for a 45-minute, hands-on training:

- *Curt Pate: low-stress cattle handling and movement, specifically in alleyways and parlor*
- *Ron Gill: loading and transportation considerations*
- *Robert Hagevoort: cattle movement around stanchions and free stalls*

9:30 – 10:15: Session 1 (rotate in between)

10:20 – 11:05: Session 2 (rotate in between)

11:10 – 11:55 Session 3

Noon Lunch and Discussion with Merck Animal Health

Dick Andrews will lead a discussion on taking the lessons learned back to the farm, he will also share tools and resources that dairies can use to train their employees including the latest version of Merck's DairyCare365.

Join us for lunch and share your thoughts and feedback about any remaining questions you have, additional tools and resources that might be helpful, or additional content that you'd like.

1 – 2 p.m. Optional Tour: VMRTC Diagnostic Lab

Stick around and get a behind-the-scenes tour of the state-of-the-art diagnostic laboratory!

Location Address and Details

VMTRC
18830 Road 112
Tulare, CA 93274

The VMTRC is located in California's San Joaquin Valley, between Fresno and Bakersfield. The facility is just off Highway 99 approximately 8 miles south of Tulare and 250 miles south of the Davis campus. When coming from the north, take the Avenue 184 exit and turn right (east) at the stop sign. Turn left (north) onto Road 112 (which is approximately 200 yards from Highway 99). If you are traveling from the south take the avenue 184 exit; once off the freeway, turn right at the stop sign, then turn left almost immediately, at the first street you come to, which is road 112 (it is very close to the off ramp). Proceed to the VMTRC, which is a half-mile from the junction of Road 112 and Avenue 184 (see map below).

