Wednesday, February 15, 2012

9:00 am Board meeting
11:00 a.m—5:00 pm Convention Registration
1:00 pm Welcome—Rocky Abell, Venture Milling
1:10 pm The impact of the new USDA food plate recommendations on animal agriculture—Marianne Smith Edge, IFIC
2:00 pm Panel Discussion—The Washington Scene and the Feed Industry—Randy Gordon, NGFA; Richard Sellers, AFIA
3:00 pm Break | Ice Cream Social | Virginia Tech Research Poster Presentations
3:30 pm Transportation speaker—Dave Newman, Newman Trucking
4:00 pm Grain Market Update—Henry Graves, Bunge North America
5:30—6:30 pm Reception
6:30 pm Feed Mill Managers Program
   • Feed additives—Brett Lumpkins, Southern Poultry Research
   • Mill automation—Tom Schoen, Comco
   • Maintaining feed quality—Joe Moritz, West Virginia University

Thursday, February 16, 2012

7:00 am Breakfast
8:00 am Welcome—Dan Phillips, Augusta Cooperative
8:05 am Future Challenges for Virginia Agriculture—Mr. Matt Lohr, Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services
9:00 am Maintaining feed quality from mill to farm—Joe Moritz, West Virginia University
9:40 am Break
10:20 am Virginia Farm Bureau Issues—Wayne Pryor, Virginia Farm Bureau
11:00 am  State of the equine industry—*Steve Elliott, Alltech*

11:50 am  Luncheon and Business Meeting | Presentation of awards and scholarship

2:00 pm  Nutritional management program introduction—*Bob James, Virginia Tech*

2:15 pm  New feed analyses—*Ralph Ward, Cumberland Valley Analytical Services*

3:00 pm  Preserving feed quality—*Patrick French, RP Feed Components*

3:45 pm  Break

4:15 pm  Starch digestibility—*Ralph Ward, Cumberland Valley Analytical Services*

5:00 pm  Adjourn

**Thursday evening—Dairy Nutrition Workshop—Dr. Bob James moderating**

7:00 pm  Improving herd performance through TMR audits—*Bill Stone, Diamond V*

8:00 pm  Panel discussion—What do we do to monitor and manage feeding on our dairy?

  - *Keith Moritz, Pond Hill Dairy, Wisconsin*
  - *Kyle Vanderhyde, Vanderhyde Dairy, Virginia*
  - *Zach Myers, Myers Dairy, North Carolina*

9:00 pm  Wrap up and questions

**Friday, February 17, 2012**

7:45 am  Welcome—*Dr. Bob James, Virginia Tech*

8:05 am  Purchasing and maintaining quality in feed ingredients—*Angela Mills, Southern States Cooperative, Inc.—Feed Division*

8:45 am  Environmental issues facing Virginia dairymen—*John Welsh, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Rockingham County*

9:20 am  The impact of genomics on the dairy industry—*Bennet Cassell, Virginia Tech*

10:00 am  Break

10:30 am  Water quality issues for Virginia dairymen—*Erin Ling, Virginia Tech*

11:10 am  Issues in managing automatic milk feeders for calves—*Bob James, Virginia Tech*

12:00 noon  Adjourn

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