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Keeping Dry Cows Cool and Comfortable Provides Long-Term Benefits to Both Cows and Calves

July 26 Webinar to Share Strategies and Tips for Managing Dry Cows in Summer

DAIRY NEWS – From heat stress in the summer to extreme cold in the winter, Mother Nature can present significant challenges to dairy farmers. Strategies to keep all animals in the dairy herd healthy and comfortable, including dry cows and calves, will be the focus of a two-part webinar series presented by the Professional Dairy Producers® (PDPW) in July and September.

On Wednesday, July 26, the first session of the [World Class Webinar “Abating Weather-Related Stress in Dairy”](#) series will focus on the health and economic benefits of keeping dry cows cool. Dr. Geoffrey Dahl, professor and chair of the University of Florida Department of Animal Sciences, will present “**Dry Cow Cooling: It’s Not All a Vacation**” session from noon to 1 p.m. CT, online.

Dr. Dahl will discuss the aftermath of heat stress and what it can do to mammary growth, metabolism, and immune function and how these effects lead to a more challenging transition and result in a lower yield in the next lactation. He will also review the impact of in utero heat stress on the calf – both in early life and when lactating. Finally, Dr. Dahl will cover the economic impacts of dry cow cooling and why it makes sense financially in almost all situations.

The second session will be presented by Dr. Geof Smith of North Carolina State University on September 27, and will focus on minimizing the effects of weather on calves. All past PDPW World Class Webinars are available on the PDPW Webinar Library. To access the library of resources, visit: http://www.pdpw.org/programs_and_events.php#event_link_235 and click on the “Webinar Library” link.

[Registration is open](#) for both or one session by visiting www.pdpw.org or contacting PDPW at 1-800-947-7379. Participants who have registered can watch the sessions live or will receive a fully recorded version to watch at their leisure.

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