



International Conference

STRENGTHENING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF LIVESTOCK FARMING. GOOD PRACTICES OF THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

28–29 September 2023

Universiteto str. 10B, Akademija LT-53361, Kauno distr., Lithuania
(Conference site in Pavilion No. 2)

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 28 September

9:30 – 10:00	Registration of conference participants and welcome coffee.
10:00 – 10:20	Opening of the Conference and welcome speeches.
10:20 – 10:50	Sustainable Livestock Farming. <i>Saulius Kunickis, Adviser to the Livestock and Animal Welfare Division, Department of Sustainable Agricultural Production and Food Industry, Ministry of Agriculture.</i>
10:50 – 11:10	The Importance of Cattle in Improving Humus Content. <i>Gintautas Migonis, farmer, Chairman of the Council of the Lithuanian Association of Beef Cattle Breeders and Improvers.</i>
11:10 – 11:35	Animal Breeding and Genomic Selection of Dairy Cattle in Latvia. <i>Maris Lidaks, Breeding specialist from the Latvian Animal Breeding Association.</i>
11:35 – 12:00	What is the Purpose of Breeding and Selection of Beef Cattle in Estonia? <i>Jane Mättik, President of the Estonian Beef Cattle Association.</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Discussion “Making Livestock Farming More Competitive: Sustainable Development and Challenges”. <i>Discussion with invited guests (representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, heads of associations of livestock breeders, other guests).</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:25	Genomic Selection of Dairy Cattle. <i>Dr. Edvardas Gedgaudas, Director of Lithuanian Cattle Breeders Association.</i>
14:25 – 14:50	Genomic Selection of Beef Cattle. <i>Dr. Giedrė Jarienė, Research Worker at VMU AA Animal Production Research and Innovation Centre.</i>
14:50 – 15:50	Good Practices in the Implementation of RDP Projects under the Measures “Knowledge Transfer and Information Actions”, “Farm and Business Development”, “Investments in Physical Assets”. <i>Project implementers: Monika Pareigienė, farmer; Dr. Arūnas Rutkauskas, farmer, Head of the Association of Organic Beef Cattle Breeders; Dr. Rolandas Bleizgys, Professor at VMU AA Faculty of Engineering.</i>
15:50 – 16:50	Educational programme “Get to Know Premium Beef: Why Should You Choose It” Part I.

Friday, 29 September

9:30 – 10:00	Registration of conference participants and welcome coffee.
10:00 – 10:30	Breeding the Way to Low Methane Cows.

	<i>Peter Van Beek, Semex Geneticist and Business Analyst, the Netherlands.</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Biosecurity on Farms: An Obligation or a Daily Routine? <i>Dr. Alvydas Malakauskas, Professor at LUHS VA Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Application of Specific Biomarkers in Lithuanian Farms. <i>Dr. Ramūnas Antanaitis, Professor at LUHS VA Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.</i>
11:30 – 12:30	The Importance of Improving Cow Reproduction in Modern Dairy Farming. <i>Dr. Vytuolis Žilaitis, Professor at LUHS VA Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.</i>
12:30 – 13:00	Influence of Dairy Cattle Rations and Feeding Technologies on Farm Profitability Indicators. <i>Dr. Rolandas Stankevičius, Professor at LUHS VA Faculty of Animal Sciences.</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:30	Subsequent Productivity and Reproduction in Embryo-donor Cows after Multiple Ovulation and Embryo Flushing Procedures. <i>dr. Ilga Šematoviča, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies Faculty of Veterinary medicine, Clinical institute docent.</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Application of the Innovative Reproduction Monitoring for the Increase of Beef Cattle Farming Activities and Competitiveness. <i>Dr. Artūras Šiukščius, Dr. Rasa Nainienė, senior research workers at LUHS Institute of Animal Science.</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Biotechnological Products for Reducing GHG Emissions on Intensive Dairy Farms. <i>Dr. Virginijus Uchockis, research worker at LUHS Institute of Animal Science.</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Trends and Benefits of Animal Welfare. <i>Dr. Vytautas Ribikauskas, Lecturer at LUHS Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Educational programme “Get to Know Premium Beef: Why Should You Choose It” Part II.

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