

Conference Information

REGISTRATION

Registration includes a copy of the CANC Proceedings, Thursday's Lunch, Industry Social Hour with (2) Drink Tickets, and Thursday's Producer Social Hour.

General Registration fee by April 9th - \$280
General Registration fee after April 9th - \$330
CGFA Member Registration fee by April 9th - \$260
CGFA Member Registration fee after April 9th - \$310
Students - \$50

Registration is available online at cgfa.org/canc. Refunds will be available until April 9th.

Location and Lodging Information

Embassy Suites by Hilton Monterey Bay Seaside
1441 Canyon Del Rey, Seaside, California

To book your reservation under the CANC room block rate, book by April 15th by visiting cgfa.org/canc/hotel-venue or by calling the hotel direct at +1 831-393-1115. Attendee block room rate is \$190 and is subject to applicable state and local taxes.

The Technical Symposium is sponsored by Selko, USA on Wednesday, May 6. The CANC Committee, along with major industry firms, will sponsor the Animal Nutrition Conference on Thursday, May 7. A poster session displaying the results of research conducted by the universities will be on display throughout the conference, and awards will be presented to the winners on Thursday. Please be sure to stop by and view the posters.

A reception sponsored by Selko, USA will be held immediately following the Technical Symposium on Wednesday, and a closing Producer Social Hour will be held on Thursday following the close of the afternoon producer-focused sessions.

A.R.P.A.S. Members: Approved Continuing Education Credits

Tech Symposium: 3 CEUs
CANC: 6 CEUs
9 Total CEUs

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May 6-7, 2026

2026 Conference and Technical Symposium

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Day 1: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 Technical Symposium

Registration 8:00am – 6:00pm

- 1:00pm** **Welcome**
Carlyn Peterson, Ph.D. Selko, USA
- 1:15pm** **Metabolic Diseases of Transition Cows: Why They Occur and Nutritional Strategies to Reduce Their Occurrence**
Jesse Goff, DVM, Ph, Professor Emeritus, Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine
- 2:00pm** **Effects of Replacing Sulfate with Hydroxychloride Sources of Trace Minerals on Performance of Transition Cow**
José Eduardo P. Santos, DVM, PhD, Professor, University of Florida
- 2:45pm** **Refreshment & Networking Break**
- 3:00pm** **Discovery of Phytotechnologies for Improving Resilience of the Modern Dairy Cow: A Physiological Perspective**
Dr. Emma Wall, Nutreco
- 3:45pm** **Udderly Dependent: Dairy Cows and Their Glucose Economy**
Lance H. Baumgard, Distinguished Professor and Normal Jacobson Professor, Iowa State University
- 4:30pm** **Summary - Selko, USA**
- 5:00pm** **Industry Social Hour - Sponsored by Selko, USA**

Day 2: Thursday, May 7, 2026

Registration 7:00am – 6:00pm

- 8:00am** **CANC Welcome**
CANC Steering Committee Chair
Moderated by Tricia Wood, Ph.D.
California Grain & Feed Association
Welcome
- 8:10am** **California Animal Nutrition Scholarship Winner Presentation**
- 8:30am** **Nutritionist-Focused Session: The Dairy Brain: A New Intelligence for Dairy Farming**
Victor E. Cabrera, Ph.D., Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 9:15am** **Nutritionist-Focused Session: From Suppression to Robustness: Reevaluating Immunity in the Periparturient Dairy Cow**
Lance H. Baumgard, Distinguished Professor and Normal Jacobson Professor, Iowa State University
- 10:00am** **Refreshment & Networking Break**
- Moderator: Samantha Pearle**
- 10:15am** **Nutritionist-Focused Session: Impacts of Feeding Management On The Gastrointestinal Tract**
Dr. Greg Penner Professor, University of Saskatchewan
- 11:00am** **Managing Through Droughts and Floods by Optimizing Low-forage Rations**
Dr. Kirby Krogstad, Ohio State University
- 11:45am** **CANC Lunch Sponsor Presentation**
- 12:00pm** **Group Luncheon & Networking**
- 1:00pm** **Awards Program**

Day 2: Thursday May 7, 2026 (Continued)

Registration 7:00am – 6:00pm

Moderator: Kelly Nichols

- 1:30pm** **Producer-Focused Session: Make Your Herd Records Work for You: Turning Data into Economic Value**
Greg Bethard, Ph.D. CEO High Plains Ponderosa Dairy
- 2:00pm** **Producer-Focused Session: A New Approach to Reducing Hypocalcemia and Dyscalcemia the First 4 Days of Lactation**
Jesse Goff, DVM, Ph, Professor Emeritus, Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine
- 2:30pm** **Producer-Focused Session: Implementing Quality Control in Corn Silage Before, During and After Harvest**
Hugo A. Ramirez, Ph. D.
- 3:00pm** **Refreshment & Networking Break**
- Moderator: Tricia Wood, Ph.D.**
- 3:15pm** **Producer-Focused Session: How SOPs, Records, and Training Protect Cow Performance and Farm Outcomes**
Dr. Michelle Schack, DairyKind
- 3:45pm** **Producer-Focused Session: AI, Meritocracy and the Happiness of Cows**
Artem Timanov, CEO, Cattle Care
- 4:15pm** **CANC Adjourns**
- 4:30pm** **Producer Social Hour/Closing Reception**



Thank you so much for attending.
We hope you've enjoyed yourself!