

2023 MN Dairy Goat Association Fall Conference
Nov 11, 2023
Country Inn and Suites, 1900 Premeir Dr., Mankato, MN

In-person and virtual options available via Zoom.

A link to the virtual presentation will be sent to all registrants just prior to the event.

Conference & Sponsor registration: <https://forms.gle/5gp91s9WQ5mLeh8X7>

Digital Microscope Raffle: <https://forms.gle/DAe26Ki2AJ7Q4tCk7>

| Conference Fees | |
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| Adult Registration – Member | \$20 |
| Registration – Non-Member | \$25 |
| Youth Registration – Member | \$10 |
| Lunch - each | \$16 |

| Sponsor Levels | |
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| Friend Level | \$15 |
| Kid Level | \$25 |
| Yearling Level | \$50 |
| Senior Level | \$100 |

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00 am - **Registration Open**

8:45 am – **Welcome**

Goat Ornament Craft will be available as a self-serve activity 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Be sure to paint and decorate your favorite so that it will be dry and ready to travel home. (while supplies last)

| Time | Main Session – In Person & Virtual option | Young At Heart Session (In Person only) |
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| 9:00 AM CST | Reproductive Performance From breeding records to kidding records, a focus on breeding outcomes and how to measure the reproductive performance of your herd. Dr. Rowe will discuss recognition and diagnosis of reproductive failures including abortion, early embryonic death, mummies, placental failure and more. | Introductions & Game |
| 9:30 AM CST | | Judging Tips & Reasons |
| 11:00 AM CST | Housing and Ventilation Dr. Schefers will discuss housing and ventilation and its effects on animal health and performance with a goal of providing fresh, uniform air throughout a barn and reducing dust, pathogen, manure gas and heat to ensure a healthy environment and reduce disease on your farm. | Goat 101 |
| Noon | Lunch - MDGA Update, ADGA Update, Silent auction, and raffle tables | |
| 1:00 PM CST | Interactive workshop & Case examination Dr. Rowe will facilitate an interactive workshop including case examination of reproductive diseases as well as discussing problems including short and long cycling in does and infectious causes of reproductive failure. | Showmanship |
| 2:30 PM CST | | Cheese Basics |
| 3:30 PM CST | Questions & Evaluations – Thanks for coming! | |

About our Speakers:

Joan Dean Rowe, DVM, MPVM, PhD, DACVPM

Professor Emeritus

School of Veterinary Medicine

University of California, Davis, CA

Dr. Rowe is a Professor Emeritus of the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis. She holds D.V.M., M.P.V.M., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California, Davis. Dr. Rowe retired after a 30-year career as a faculty member and clinician on the VMTH Livestock Herd Health & Reproduction Service where she worked with dairy goat, dairy cattle, sheep & meat goat herds across a wide range of herd size and management systems. Dr. Rowe is the past-president of the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners. Dr. Rowe serves on multiple professional and industry committees relating to livestock health. She raises Toggenburg dairy goats and serves on the American Dairy Goat Association Board of Directors, most recently served as ADGA 1st Vice President. Dr. Rowe maintains strong professional interests in preventive livestock health management, infectious abortion, traceability, reproductive performance, CAEV and small ruminant medications.

Dr. Jeremy Schefers DVM, PhD

Ruminant Technical Research Specialist

Milk Specialties Global (MSG)

Jeremy Schefers DVM, PhD is a ruminant technical and research specialist at Milk Specialties Global. He received his PHD in 2010 from the College of Veterinary Medicine at UMN. Prior to working at MSG, he was a food animal diagnostician at the University of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. His presentation will review ventilation, housing and environmental challenges of livestock facilities.