



MEDIA ADVISORY: Open House For Farmers At UNH Organic Dairy

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The University of New Hampshire organic research dairy will host nearly 100 organic dairy farmers at its inaugural open house Friday, Aug. 18. The open house kicks off the Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance (NODPA) annual field days and meeting, held at UNH. Media are invited to attend the organic dairy open house.

WHAT: Open house and tour at UNH organic dairy, the first organic research dairy at a U.S. university.

WHEN: Friday, Aug. 18; 1 – 4 p.m.

WHERE: UNH organic dairy, Burley-Demeritt Farm, Lee, N.H. From the UNH campus, follow Main St. away from downtown Durham past the Whittemore Center and athletic fields. Turn left onto Mast Rd./Rt. 155A. Follow Mast Rd. for 3.9 miles. Turn left onto Lee Hook Rd. Entrance to the farm is exactly two miles down Lee Hook Rd. on the right, marked by a blue UNH sign.

WHO: Charles Schwab, professor of dairy nutrition, UNH
Kevin Brussell, farm manager, UNH
Approximately 100 NODPA members, organic dairy farmers, producers, and supporters

DETAILS: The open house will provide information about UNH's research agenda and will seek farmer input. Presentations will be on herd health, grazing and pasture management, conserving forages and grain crops, farm economics, and farm infrastructure design and construction.

MORE: The UNH Organic Dairy was established in 2005 for research, education and outreach. UNH is the first land-grant institution in the nation to have an organic dairy farm. Located on a 200-acre parcel of certified organic land, the farm is home to 48 Jersey bred heifers due to start calving in December. For more information: www.organicdairy.unh.edu.

NODPA is the largest grassroots organic dairy farmer organization in the country that is dedicated to organic dairy farmers' interests. Its goal is to enable organic dairy family farmers, situated across an extensive area, to have informed discussion about matters critical to the well being of the organic dairy industry as a whole. For more information: www.nodpa.com.