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Meet Your Milk at UNH Open Barn June 29

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DURHAM, N.H.—The NH Agricultural Experiment Station (<https://www.colsa.unh.edu/nhaes/>) at the University of New Hampshire and Granite State Dairy Promotion (https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.nhdairypromo.org_&d=DwMFaQ&c=c6MrceVCY5m5A_KAUkrdoA&r=gk49I-YqmOGbrtzX3HbAPq8XDfJkq7dTqjtXuPwlyXo&m=sWkFmqyBppBuTJo-MvZvglqveDq69xLFrrst0BCoFxE&s=JBCIxi70EY8X7xF4y-KI3EOJFUvn-bPmYnDDxFAUuXg&e=) invite the public to “meet your milk” Saturday, June 29, 2019. The annual statewide event, which is free and open to the public, takes place at the Fairchild Dairy Teaching and Research Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



THE EVENT GIVES THE PUBLIC THE CHANCE TO SEE A WORKING NEW HAMPSHIRE DAIRY FARM THAT IS REPRESENTATIVE OF A TYPICAL NEW ENGLAND DAIRY OPERATION. FREE NEW HAMPSHIRE-MADE MILK AND ICE CREAM, WAGON RIDES, TOURS, AND VISITS WITH THE UNH MILKING COWS AND CALVES ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES.

“Connecting consumers with their local dairy food system is of the utmost importance,” said Amy Hall, director of Granite State Dairy Promotion. “It’s a day of educational fun for the entire family. We encourage people to enjoy the facility, meet the staff and, of course, the cows.”

The event gives the public the chance to see a working dairy farm that is representative of a typical New England dairy operation. Free New Hampshire-made milk and ice cream, wagon rides, hourly tours and visits with the UNH milking cows and calves are the highlights of the day’s activities.

According to Granite State Dairy Promotion, the New Hampshire dairy industry is located primarily in the Connecticut River Valley on the state’s western borders and along the Merrimack River Valley in the center of the state. There are approximately 96 dairy farms in New Hampshire with an average of 130 milking animals per farm. The New Hampshire dairy industry impacts state and local economies with more than \$140 million in total output, 3,500 jobs and more than \$17 million in labor income.

The Fairchild Dairy Teaching and Research Center (<http://colsa.unh.edu/nhaes/fairchild>) develops new knowledge and management expertise geared directly toward many state and regional stakeholders. It houses 100 milking cows and 85 heifers. Included in that number is the 24-cow, student-managed Cooperative for Real Education in Agricultural Management (CREAM) herd, with the remaining animals devoted primarily to research in the area of dairy nutrition and reproductive biology.

The center is located at 36 O’Kane Road off Mast Road Extension in Durham (<https://colsa.unh.edu/nhaes/directions/Fairchild>). It is open to the public seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visitors can observe the milking of cows at 3:30 p.m. each day.

Granite State Dairy Promotion is a nonprofit organization funded by New Hampshire dairy farmers to increase demand for dairy products and a deeper appreciation for family owned farms.

Founded in 1887, the NH Agricultural Experiment Station (<https://www.colsa.unh.edu/nhaes/>) at the UNH College of Life Sciences and Agriculture (<https://colsa.unh.edu/>) is UNH's original research center and an elemental component of New Hampshire's land-grant university heritage and mission.

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