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COUNCIL ON DAIRY CATTLE BREEDING (CDCB) ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Bowie, Md., August 29, 2017 – At its August meeting, the Board of Directors for the Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding (CDCB) elected new officers and expressed appreciation to the outgoing officers.

“We are grateful for the producers and industry leaders who provide leadership and direction for U.S. genetic and information programs,” stated João Dürr, Chief Executive Officer of the CDCB. “The CDCB staff looks forward to working with this new officer team to advance key initiatives and continually enhance the U.S. genetic system, evaluations and other products.”

The new CDCB officer team for 2017-18 includes:

- **Chair: John Meyer** of Holstein Association USA, Brattleboro, Vt., representing the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA)
- **Vice Chair: John Clay** of Dairy Records Management System, Raleigh, N.C., representing the Dairy Records Processing Centers (DRPCs)
- **Secretary: Chuck Sattler** of Select Sires, Inc., Plain City, Ohio, representing National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB)
- **Treasurer: Dan Sheldon** of Woody Hill Farm, Salem, NY, representing Dairy Records Providers (DRPs)



The Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding recently elected its 2017-18 officers (left to right): Chair, John Meyer of Holstein Association USA; Secretary, Chuck Sattler of Select Sires, Inc.; Vice Chair, John Clay of Dairy Records Management System; and Treasurer, Dan Sheldon of Woody Hill Farm.

The CDCB Board and staff expresses their gratitude to the outgoing officers for their leadership over the past two years.

- **Chair: Jay Mattison**, National Dairy Herd Information Association (NDHIA), Verona, Wis., representing DRPs
- **Vice Chair: Gordon Doak** of Columbia, Mo., representing NAAB
- **Secretary: Dr. John Clay** of Dairy Records Management System, Raleigh, N.C., representing DRPCs
- **Treasurer: Neal Smith** of American Jersey Cattle Association, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, representing the PDCA

“These officers and the entire CDCB Board have been strong leaders who dedicated countless hours and steered the organization through an incredible transition,” said Dürr. “Over the past few years, the CDCB has reinvented itself and now effectively manages the U.S. dairy genetic database and delivers the genetic evaluations previously provided by USDA. This leadership team, along with previous chair Ole Meland, directed that transition through industry collaboration, focus on continuous improvement and the sincere desire to serve dairy farmers.”

The CDCB Board of Directors includes 12 voting members and two non-voting advisory members. In addition to the new and retiring officers, the Board is comprised of these voting members:

- Pat Baier of AgSource Cooperative Services, Verona, Wis., representing DRPs
- Ted Foster of Foster Brothers Farm, Vergennes, Vt., representing DRPCs
- Boyd Schaufelberger of Schaufine Farms, Greenville, Ill., representing PDCA
- Bill Verboort of AgriTech Analytics, Visalia, Calif., representing DRPCs
- Nate Zwald of ABS Global, Deforest, Wis., representing NAAB

The non-voting advisory members for 2017 are:

- Juan Tricarico, Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy, Rosemont, Ill.
- Don Bennink, North Florida Holsteins, Bell, Fla.

The voting members of the CDCB Board represent the four collaborating sectors of the U.S. dairy industry: Dairy Records Providers (DRP), Dairy Records Processing Centers (DRPC), National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) and Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA).

CDCB Industry Meeting during World Dairy Expo

The CDCB Board and staff will host the CDCB annual industry meeting on Tuesday, October 3 during World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis. Dairy producers and all industry stakeholders are invited to “Discover New Dairy Genetics” during this session from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Exhibition Hall (Room Mendota 4). The session will feature a producer panel with perspectives on health traits, along with presentations from CDCB and AGIL researchers.

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About Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding (CDCB)

The Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding (CDCB), in Bowie, Md., provides premier dairy genetic information services through industry collaboration centered around a mission to help optimize cow health and productivity in herds worldwide. The CDCB drives continuous improvement and maintains the integrity of the world’s largest animal database, building on a quality foundation with more than eight decades of recorded U.S. dairy animal performance. The CDCB is a collaborative effort between four sectors of the U.S. dairy industry: Dairy Records Providers (DRP), Dairy Records Processing Centers (DRPC), National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) and Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA).