2020 Conference Speakers and Bio’s

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Shannon Carpenter, DVM is a Field Veterinarian for NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, Division of Animal Industry. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Large Animal Science from Delaware Valley College in 1998 and her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Purdue University in 2001. She practiced as an associate veterinarian for one year at a mixed animal practice, then began her own large animal practice (primarily dairy and beef) in 2002. In the Fall of 2014, an opportunity presented itself with NYSDAM-DAI and she took advantage of the opportunity. Shannon has been extremely active since 2002 with helping to organize and teach BQA courses with the Chautauqua County Beef Producer group. Shannon lives in Falconer, NY (Chautauqua County) with her husband, Michael and 2 sons, Laine (7) and Landon (2). They currently have 17 head of beef cattle, mostly Simmental and a couple Herefords.

Tim Timmons, ABS InFocus Manager

Tim Timmons is ABS InFocus Manager and has been overseeing the ABS beef on dairy program for the past eight years. Tim has been leading the trial projects to establish the true value of InFocus cattle from conception to harvest. The ABS Research team has collected data on over a half a million-breeding observation and traced the performance of thousands of InFocus sired offspring. Today the InFocus benchmarking data reveals the influence a sound genetic program can produce when used in the dairy industry. Tim travels throughout the U.S. delivering the ABS message on herd segmentation and how to use InFocus in a comprehensive breeding program. Tim has led the development of the InFocus marketing supply chain in regions across the US. “I believe we can fast forward the genetic progress for our customer by using a whole herd genetic strategy. Creating the best replacement females is important to long term profitability, we need to also carefully consider the use of proven InFocus genetics when creating beef calves that will add value throughout the supply chain.” When Tim is not traveling with ABS you can find him with his wife, Rebecca, kids & grandchildren. One of Tim’s biggest passions is sharing hope with people struggling in the journey with cancer. As the founder of the Pray Hope Believe Foundation, he & his friends have supported more than 300 families in a fight with cancer.

Adrianne Trennepohl - Beef Specialist at ABS Global Beef

Adrianne Trennepohl grew up in east central Indiana on her family’s grain and cattle operation. Her family’s diverse grain operation focused on growing corn and soybeans while producing hay and straw to market to dairies in the state of Indiana. The beef cattle side of the operation focused on raising Simmental and SimAngus cattle. Currently, Adrianne and her family run 250 head of mother cows concentrating on producing cattle that will perform in both the commercial and purebred sectors. Adrianne graduated from Purdue University, where she dual majored in Sales and Marketing and Animal Science – Agribusiness. While at Purdue, she served as an Agriculture Ambassador and a member of the Agricultural Council. Adrianne was honored to serve as President of the Indiana Junior Shorthorn Association and two terms as Vice President for the Indiana Junior Beef Cattle Association. She is also a member of the American Simmental and Shorthorn Associations. Recently, Adrianne relocated to Kansas City, Missouri for her current role with ABS Global Beef as Beef Specialist. She works to support the company’s Authorized Representatives, District Sales Managers and other field staff through training and creating sales and marketing tools that apply in the field. Although early in her career, Adrianne is proud and humbled to serve and support beef cattle producers across the country.
Mary Kate Wheeler
Farm Business Management Specialist
South Central NY Dairy & Field Crops Team

Mary Kate enjoys working with farmers to develop business goals and strategies, and analyze financial performance. She holds a BA in Environmental Studies from Bowdoin College and a MS in Applied Economics and Management from Cornell University. As an educator with the South Central NY Dairy and Field Crops Team, she supports dairy producers to improve record keeping, business planning, risk management and human resources. Mary Kate also operates a small beef and honey farm in Newfield, NY.

Bryan Washburn, New York Beef Council’s new Social Media Strategist.

Bryan is a graduate of Whitesboro High School, Mohawk Valley Community College, Burlington College and the New York Film Academy. He has lived in Manhattan, Burlington, Vermont and currently resides in Clinton.

He is an avid film goer, reader, writer, traveler and live music lover. He loves to ski, hike, bike, go camping, swim in Adirondack lakes, practice yoga, and sit & laugh with good friends.

Bryan has been strategically planning social media campaigns for almost seven years. Starting out as a freelancer, he proved to be a worthy asset for Fiber Instrument Sales, Inc., and the company created a new position to bring Bryan in fulltime. He became the first Social Media Manager, as well as the first Videographer, in the 35-year history of Fiber Instrument Sales in Oriskany. For 5 years at FIS, he wrote all content, produced graphics, did the photography, strategized and executed all social media posts. He also wrote, shot, directed and edited all FIS video content. Bryan kept track of all platform analytics and used the information to tailor campaigns and drive traffic to the FIS website, inserting customers into the sales funnel.

After having been a member of United Way’s Volunteer Marketing Committee for a year and a half, Bryan moved into the Marketing & Communications Manager role. There he created all graphic design content for the office and events, such as posters, stickers, tee shirts, business cards, envelopes, newspaper ads, poster boards, banners, and more. He elevated United Way’s presence online via social media platforms, creating their social strategy and content, including the writing, photography and graphics. He also wrote press advisories, press releases, radio ads, website copy, brochures, and confidential internal documents.

Today, Bryan is eagerly looking forward to the challenges and opportunities of promoting beef throughout New York State. He can’t wait to get started!
Dr. Kimberely Morrill, Ph.D — Technical Services Manager Animal Health & Nutrition

Kimberley received a B.S. in Dairy Management and M.S. in Animal nutrition from the University of New Hampshire. She received her Ph.D. from Iowa State University in Animal Physiology. Her research focused on gut development and nutrient absorption of the neonate and on-farm calf management practices. After graduation, Kimberley accepted a position with Cornell University as the Dairy Specialist for the North Country Regional Ag. Team. Her efforts were split between on-farm research (focusing on calf health, milk quality and cow comfort), one-on-one consultations with dairy farmers and group outreach for dairy farmers focusing on management strategies. Kimberley joined Chr. Hansen in 2019 and resides in Winthrop, NY.

Bonnie M. Bargstedt, Chr-Hansen, Account Manager

Bonnie has spent her career focusing on Beef and Dairy. She managed Empire Livestock in Chatham, NY before becoming Director of Producer Relations and Education for Dairylea. Bonnie went on to the NYS Diagnostic Laboratory at Cornell University as a Veterinary Extension Specialist coordinating on farm field research and securing state and national legislative funding for NY agriculture. In 2001 Bonnie joined Merial (now Boehringer Ingelheim) as a Dairy, Beef and Equine specialist. In September 2018 Bonnie joined the Chr Hansen team as a Key Account Manager covering areas in NY, PA, MA, CT, GA & FL. Her responsibilities include both Silage Inoculant and Probiotic sales. She is a graduate of LEAD NY class 9. Bonnie is a partner in Envision Dairy in Amsterdam, NY milking 560 Holsteins and resides in Valatie, NY.

Sarah E. Fessenden, PAS Business Development Manager, Forage and Soils

Sarah Fessenden grew up on a medium sized dairy farm in Cayuga County. She graduated from Cornell University in 2015 with a bachelor’s degree in Animal Science, a focus on Dairy Nutrition. Sarah moved to Wisconsin and worked as a dairy nutritionist for a few years before returning to New York. She now works at Dairy One Forage Laboratory as the Business Development Manager for the Forage and Soils Laboratories. In her position she enjoys working with nutritionists across several species, from cattle to equine to exotics. Outside of work, Sarah is a member of the planning committee for the New York State Fair Birthing Center.
Benjamin Scott

Ben grew up in Northern Allegany County, NY, graduating from Fillmore Central School in 2002. His introduction to agriculture began with the family’s beef farm in Richburg, still in operation by his grandfather, and continued through employment at Bennett Brothers Dairy farm throughout high school and college years. While maintaining a clientele of dairy, beef, and small ruminant producers since 2007, he completed his Master’s of Science degree in 2016 in Animal Science with a focus in Dairy Cattle Biology and Management and minor in Epidemiology. In 2017, he began instructing part-time at Alfred State College as an adjunct in Feeds and Nutrition as well as Environmental Science. In 2019, he joined Advanced Dairy Services to continue his professional passion of consulting in agricultural profitability through the lens of animal nutrition. Along with his wife and 2 sons at their residence in Livingston County, he enjoys most outdoor activities including backyard beef and maple syrup production, hunting, fishing, and woodworking.

Mike Ameele

My wife, Colleen and I, own & operate Ameele Farms LLC, in Walworth NY. We grow corn, soybeans, wheat & hay on about 1500 acres and also grow approx. 200 acres of processing apples.

We feed about 500 head of cattle and also have a 50 head cow/calf herd.

William C. Martin

I am the owner, operator and partner of Meadowbrook Farms located in Medina, NY. Our family farm was established in 1854. I have been a partner with my father Roland J. Martin since 1987.

We currently work 4200 acres, growing corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa. I started feeding beef cattle with my son Benjamin in 2013. We source our feeders from local farms as well as Finger Lakes Livestock Exchange, Inc. located in Canandaigua. We sell all of our fat cattle through Finger Lakes Livestock Exchange Inc. We sell approximately 275/year.

Farming has always been my passion, it has never been considered a job. Proud to farm!
Robert E. Kozlowski

Robert (Bob) Kozlowski is the founder and president of Advanced Dairy Services, Inc., an independent nutritional consulting company working with dairy farms in New York, Pennsylvania and the Southeastern United States. With a team of four nutritionists, ADS consults with farm owners and managers to maximize herd health, production and profitability through nutritional and management solutions. ADS has been an active supporter of Cornell Pro-Dairy and has partnered in numerous dairy field research studies with Cornell University and the University of Georgia.

Bob began the first 10 years of his career working in the feed industry after completing degrees in Animal Husbandry, Animal Science and Dairy Science from S.U.N.Y Alfred and the University of Georgia. With an interest in beef production and ranch management, he is currently working on completion of a graduate program in Integrated Resource Management/Sustainability at Colorado State University.

Bob has been an advocate of local agricultural education through supporting Wyoming County 4H, the dairy promotion program and youth dairy clubs. He has served on various committees including the Attica School Partners for Agriculture, Wyoming County Cooperative Extension program committee and Wyoming County Agri-Palooza. Along with his wife Darcie, Bob is currently assisting with the development of a farm project at Bethesda Outreach Ministries in South Africa.

Residing in Attica, NY, Bob & Darcie are members of the NYBPA & the American Angus Association and manage a herd of 25 black angus cow-calf pairs & replacements on rotationally grazed pastures.