Dairy replacement management is critical to the profitability of the dairy. Maximizing the next generation of dairy animals means more milk. Having the right amount of healthy heifers is the focus of this year’s meeting.

Dr. Mark Thomas will focus on management of replacement heifers on Thursday. The program on Friday and Saturday will focus on replacement economics and disease recording with Dr. Mike Overton.

On Friday night, Dr. Dave Erf of Zoetis, our platinum sponsor, will discuss genetic selection to improve the health of dairy cattle. Dr. Erf will be back Saturday morning to discuss managing heifer inventories and evaluating the genetic potential of the herd.

Meeting Locations

Hilton Garden Inn (Thursday and Saturday)
3232 Olentangy River Road, Columbus OH
Hotel must be reserved by 12/6 by calling 614-263-7200.
Be sure to mention your affiliation with the Ohio Dairy Veterinarians to reserve the room rate of $119.

Fawcett Center (Friday)
2400 Olentangy River Road, Columbus OH

The cost is $249. Veterinary students admitted free.

Mail your registration and payment by 12/16 to secure your enrollment, handouts, and all of your meals.
Dr. Michael W. Overton is the Associate Advisor - Dairy Technical Consultant at Elanco Knowledge Solutions. He received his B.S. and D.V.M. from North Carolina State University and practiced veterinary medicine for 8 years in North Carolina. He then completed a Dairy Production Medicine Residency and his Masters of Preventive Veterinary Medicine degree at UC Davis and worked as a Dairy Production Medicine Specialist at UC Davis-VMTRC in Tulare, CA for 6 years. Afterwards, he joined the University of Georgia – College of Veterinary Medicine where he served as Professor of Dairy Production Medicine and chief of service and graduate coordinator for the food animal program for about 7 years. In May 2012, he joined the Elanco Knowledge Solutions team. In this role, Dr. Overton is responsible for developing economic models and tools for both internal and external customers, for providing consultative services to dairies and their consultants, and for building analytical capabilities for the global Elanco team. Throughout his professional career, Dr. Overton has worked extensively in the areas of reproductive management, transition management, analysis of on-farm records, and economic decision-making. He has authored or co-authored over 100 peer-reviewed, proceedings or industry publications on various topics regarding dairy production medicine and travels frequently to speak and consult in the U.S. and internationally. Dr. Overton lives in Athens, Georgia with his wife Carol.

Dr. Mark Thomas is a consulting veterinarian with Dairy Health & Management Services & Countryside Veterinary Clinic in Lowville, New York. He earned a Bachelor’s of Science in Animal Science at Cornell University and continued his education at the College of Veterinary Medicine where he earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree in 1997. In 2001 he completed the Penn State Dairy Production Medicine Certificate Program. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) certified in dairy practice.

Following graduation Dr. Thomas entered clinical practice at Countryside Veterinary Clinic, LLP in northern New York. He is currently a partner in the practice which has 18 veterinarians serving large and small animal clients. In early 2012 he joined other colleagues and founded Dairy Health & Management Services (DHMS) to provide decision-based consulting research to dairy clients within the USA and internationally.

Within practice Dr. Thomas’ main focus is production and preventative medicine. In addition to routine veterinary care, Dr. Thomas provides consulting services in the areas of nutrition, reproduction, milk quality (certified milking equipment technician), facility design and replacement rearing both within the USA and internationally. He speaks Spanish and provides bilingual training programs. Outside of practice, Dr. Thomas enjoys lecturing at meetings and is also active in teaching through the Cornell Pro Dairy program and the Summer Dairy Institute at Cornell.

He has served as an active member of the AABP membership committee and has co-chaired the student program at the AABP national convention. He was the AABP District I director for 7 years and is currently in the position of president.

In 2011 he received the AABP Merial Excellence in Preventive Medicine- Dairy Award.
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**THURSDAY, January 5, 2017**  Hilton Garden Inn

1:00 WELCOME  
1:30 Group Housed Feeding Systems  Dr. Mark Thomas  
2:30 Replacement Rearing Beyond Milk  Dr. Mark Thomas  
3:45 Break  
4:30 Data-based Decision Making  Dr. Mark Thomas  
6:00 Dinner  
7:00 HAACP Committee Update  Dr. Dick Wiley

**FRIDAY, January 6, 2017**  Fawcett Center

6:30 OSU Breakfast  Proudfoot  
7:15 State of OSU CVM  Dean Moore  
7:45 OSU Research Reports  Proudfoot  
9:00 Sponsor Displays/Intro  
9:30 Making Better Culling Decisions  Mike Overton  
10:30 Break/Sponsor Displays  
11:00 Economic Considerations  Mike Overton  
12:00 Lunch

2:00 Heifer Data and Culling Decisions  Mike Overton  
3:00 Break/Sponsor Displays  
3:30 First Calving Age & Future Lactation  Mike Overton  
5:00 Break  
5:30 Social Time with Students  Gordon  
6:00 Dinner  
6:30 Platinum Presentation- Genetic Selection  Dave Erf  
7:00 Practice Presentations  Gordon  
7:30 Summer Extern Presentations  Gordon

**Saturday, January 7, 2017**  Hilton Garden Inn

6:30 BREAKFAST (hotel)  
7:30 Transistion Disease Recording  Mike Overton  
8:30 Genetic Audits  Dave Erf  
9:30 Break  
9:45 Managing Replacement Inventories  Dave Erf  
11:00 Annual Business Meeting  
12:00 Adjourn

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Please feel free to copy/forward any of this information and pass it on to colleagues.

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Ohio Dairy Veterinarians Meeting**  
**January 5 – 7, 2017**

**FEE:** $249.00 • Veterinary Students FREE  
Everyone including students MUST register so we have a meal count.

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Be sure to make your hotel reservation by **December 6, 2016** to get room rate of $119.

*Please mail your registration and payment.*

Send form and remittance to (check payable to OSU):  
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