

Accelerated Genetics®

Cooperative Corner



Presenting the 2010-2011 Board of Directors for Accelerated Genetics. Front row (l-r): Dave Score, Brian Brown, and Doug Thesing. Middle row (l-r): Gary Eibergen and Dennis Bell. Back row (l-r): Andy Dejno III, John Pronschinske, Rick Carlson, Jeff Styczynski and Nick Butzler.

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2011 County Division Meeting Schedule

Join us in January to be part of the County Division Meetings. You can be part of the Vision, Direction and Future of Accelerated Genetics!

DATE:	COUNTY GROUP:	LOCATION:
TUE., JAN. 4	Crawford, Vernon	Firehouse Restaurant - Viroqua, Wis.
WED., JAN. 5	Burnett, Pierce, Polk, St. Croix Dodge, Fond du Lac	The Coachman - Baldwin, Wis. Rock River Country Club - Waupun, Wis.
THU., JAN. 6	Houston (MN) Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Washington	Good Times - Caledonia, Minn. Chissy's - Waldo, Wis.
FRI., JAN. 7	Lincoln, Marathon, Wood Portage, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago	Knights of Columbus - Marshfield, Wis. Hahn-a-lula Resort - Fremont, Wis.
TUE., JAN. 11	All Iowa Counties Brown, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano	NE Iowa Community College - Calmar, Iowa The Gathering - Shawano, Wis.
WED., JAN. 12	Grant Jackson, Trempealeau	Arthur House - Platteville, Wis. Club 95 - Hixton, Wis.
TUE., JAN. 18	Jefferson, Kenosha, Racine, Rock, Walworth Fillmore, Winona (MN)	Randy's - Whitewater, Wis. Stumpy's - Rushford, Minn.
WED., JAN. 19	Barron, Dunn, Washburn Iowa, Lafayette	Old Towne Conference Center - Menomonie, Wis. Dodgerbowl - Dodgeville, Wis.
THU., JAN. 20	Buffalo, Pepin Green (WI), JoDaviess, McHenry, Stephenson (IL)	Club 10 - Durand, Wis. Heritage Hall - Monroe, Wis.
MON., JAN. 24	Dane Chippewa, Eau Claire, Rusk	Fitzgerald's - Middleton, Wis. Holiday Inn Campus Area - Eau Claire, Wis.
TUE., JAN. 25	Adams, Columbia, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette, Sauk LaCrosse, Monroe	The Farm Kitchen - Baraboo, Wis. Colonial Banquet Center - Sparta, Wis.
WED., JAN. 26	Richland Clark, Taylor	Ramada Inn White House - Richland Center, Wis. Legion Hall - Loyal, Wis.

Please Fill Out And Return The 2011 County Meeting RSVP Card Located On Page 3.

County Division Meeting Agenda

11:45 a.m.

Registration

NOON (Sharp)

Producer Appreciation Meal

12:45 p.m.

County Division Meeting

- *Your Cooperative Positioning for the Future*
- *Genetics in the Era of Genomics*
- *Local Delegate Elections*
- *Starting Calves Off Right*

2:45 p.m.

Meeting Adjourns

Attendance Rewards

If you attend your County Division Meeting you will receive:

1 - \$25.00 Semen Certificate*

AND

1 - Certificate for \$3.00 Off/Bag of First Day Formula®*

* One Semen and One Product Certificate Per Farm

Join in the 'Cooperative Spirit' and participate in Accelerated Genetics' cooperative activities!

To Register, Please Fill Out And Return the County Meeting RSVP Card located below, email kstanek@accelgen.com or call 800.451.9275 ext. 5422.

RSVP For Your 2011 COUNTY DIVISION MEETING

Please reserve _____ meals for:
(# of meals)

(Farm & Owner Names)

for the County Annual Meeting to be held at:

(Meal Date)

(Meal Location & City)

Please RSVP at least 7 Days prior to your meeting!

YOU Make the Difference In Your Coop

Who are Delegates?

Delegates are selected from each county unit. One delegate will represent 20 members. Delegates are nominated at the Fall Delegate Meetings. Elections are then held to elect the delegates at the County Division Meetings in January.

What do Delegates do?

Elected delegates are asked to attend three meetings throughout a year. These meetings are held so the delegates can provide input and feedback to the cooperative. The objective is to provide customers with the best service and products – and what better way to get that information than to have our customers as Delegates.

Who are County Chairs?

County Chairs are the head of each county unit (some smaller counties join together to make a unit). There are 32 County Chairs in the membership area for Accelerated Genetics.

What do County Chairs do?

County Chairs are elected at the Spring Delegate Meetings. They are asked to attend the same three meetings as the Delegates, plus participate in one joint strategic planning session in March with the Board of Directors and Accelerated Genetics' management.

Who Elects the Board of Directors?

The Delegates elect a Director from each local District at the Fall Delegate Meetings. There are 10 Directors on the Board. Each of the board members has an assigned district which combines county units based on membership and location. Each board member serves a three-year term, with a maximum 12-year tenure.

What is a Board members' role?

The Board of Directors hire and supervise the President & CEO of Accelerated Genetics. The Board's role is to set policy and lead the members, delegates and county chairs within the political structure of the cooperative.



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Young Producer Program

Building Leaders For TOMORROW

As a cooperative, Accelerated Genetics needs producer leadership to make the organization thrive. The Young Producer Program was developed to help build leaders for the future of the cooperative and all of agriculture.

The goals of the Young Producer Program and its activities are to educate producers, build leaders, and provide opportunities to network.

Education

A large portion of the Young Producer Program involves education. Each activity offers industry relevant seminars, hands-on workshops, panel discussions, or tours.

Leadership

The leadership training portion of the program allows opportunities for personal development through team building exercises, goal setting workshops, and agriculture advocacy sessions.

Networking

Young Producers who attend the activities have many opportunities to learn from fellow participants to share information, experiences, and build life-long relationships.

Yearly Activities

Events are held throughout the year for Young Producers. The Leadership Conference and YP Summit provide the most in-depth leadership training and focused industry-relevant educational sessions. The Winter Get-Away and Summer Meltdown Celebration events are for the entire family. These activities include a variety of topics including, but not



Producers who are a part of the Accelerated Genetics Cooperative are given the opportunity to stand up, step up and speak out, while the Accelerated Genetics Board of Directors and Staff listen!

limited to, farm and agricultural business tours, along with social activities.

Program Success

The Young Producer Program has a great success rate as it continues to graduate individuals into leadership roles. The 10-member Accelerated Genetics Board of Directors have all been involved in the Young Producer Program. Additionally, numerous county delegate and county chair positions within the Accelerated Genetics structure are occupied by Young Producer graduates. The leadership at Accelerated Genetics continues to evolve from the success of the Young Producer Program.

Eligibility

The Young Producer Program is open to any dairy or beef producer or herdsman interested in expanding their horizons and meeting other producers while having a lot of fun. Individuals and couples who are interested in becoming involved are encouraged to attend any or all of the activities throughout the year.

YPCC RODEO FINALS

Jan. 29-30, 2011 • Kalahari Resort • Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Saturday, January 29, 2011

12:30-1:00 p.m. Registration ~ 'WELCOME TO THE RODEO FINALS'

- Check-In at the Accelerated Genetics Registration Desk
- Be Prepared For Wild Rodeo Events!

12:30-1:30 p.m. 'YPCC RODEO FINALS' Events (All Ages)

- Come and enjoy some fun rodeo activities!
- A good time for everyone!

1:30-2:30 p.m. Welcome Program & Introductions

- During this short program, everyone will get the opportunity to learn where you are from.

2:30-4:30 p.m. Adult Session

- Top 10 Issues Facing The Dairy Industry
Corey Geiger - *Hoard's Dairyman*

Youth Session

- Movie & Game Rooms

(Older & younger kids split. 12 & under need to be supervised.)

4:30-6:00 p.m. Break & Check-In

6:00-7:00 p.m. 'YPCC RODEO FINALS' Dinner

- Come in your best 'Cowboy/Cowgirl or Rodeo Clown Wear'
- Awards for *Best Dressed!*

7:00-10:00 p.m. Networking Time or Waterpark Time

- Mingling, Cards, Games, Movies will be available in the room.

9:30-12:00 a.m. PJ Party & Late Night Social

- Ice Cream Sundaes and Movie

Sunday, January 30, 2011

8:00-9:00 a.m. Bull Riding Breakfast

9:00-9:15 a.m. Break & Check Out of Hotel Rooms

- This is your only chance to check out of your hotel room.

9:15-11:15 a.m. Adult & Youth Combined Farm Safety Sessions

(Four - 30 minute sessions)

- Liquid & Barn Hazards
- Big Equipment Hazards
- Safety Around Farm Animals
- Basic First Aid

11:15-12:15 p.m. Rodeo Final Olympics

- Get ready for a fun and challenging closing session that everyone participates in.

12:15 p.m. Awards & Closing Remarks

- Please stay until the end to be eligible for all awards!



(After the program is done you can still use waterpark until 9:00 p.m. Sunday night!)

2011 Winter Get-Away

Who Can Attend?

The Accelerated Genetics Young Producer Program is open to any producer-farm owners or herdspeople. Anyone interested in being involved is encouraged to attend this conference or any other Young Producer event throughout the year.

Why Attend?

This weekend get-away is designed for young producers—individuals, couples and their families. It is a great way to get rid of the winter blahs, get off the farm to spend time enjoying life, learn something new, and stay warm inside with fellow producers.

'YPCC Rodeo Finals' Theme:

For this year's theme, 'YPCC RODEO FINALS', we would like producers to dress up for dinner Saturday evening in Cowgirl/Cowboy or Rodeo Clown wear. Prizes will be awarded for Best Dressed individuals, couples and families!

Your Cost:

The meals and program are compliments of Accelerated Genetics. Your only cost will be your hotel room at \$139.00/night. This includes wristbands for entry into the waterpark for four people. Additional wristbands can be purchased for \$20.00/person. (Normal room rates are \$290.00 or more/night).

Come Early & Stay Late:

Room rates are available for both Friday and Saturday nights. Check in time is 4:00 pm and check out is 11:00 am, but you can swim in the waterpark till closing at 10:00 pm Saturday or 9:00 pm Sunday.

Registering:

Please register for the 2011 Winter Get-Away by JANUARY 4TH via postcard (located below) or call 1.800.451.9275 ext. 5422 or email kstanek@accelgen.com.

2011 WINTER GET-AWAY REGISTRATION

Name(s): _____

Kid(s) Names & Age(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

____ **YES**, Please register us for the Winter Get-Away - Jan. 29-30, 2011

Hotel Rooms: (\$139.00/night includes wristbands for 4 people, extra wristbands \$20/person)

Please register us at the hotel for:

(Please Circle)

Saturday Only

Friday & Saturday

Youth Activity:

of Kids _____ Adult Chaperone Name: _____

____ **YES**, Send information on the Leadership Conference - March 26-27, 2011

____ **YES**, Send information on the Summer Meltdown - June, 2011

____ **YES**, Send information on the YP Summit - December, 2011

Please Register by JANUARY 4, 2011 With:

Kari Stanek • Ph:800.451.9275 ext. 5422 • Fax: 608.356.1715 • Email: kstanek@accelgen.com

2011 Leadership Conference

Young producers interested in learning new things and meeting other producers should check out Accelerated Genetics' upcoming Young Producer **Leadership Conference**. This year's event will take place March 26-27, 2011 in Wisconsin Dells, Wis. at the Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center.

Accelerated Genetics has specifically tailored the **Leadership Conference** for persons who would like to improve leadership skills, participate in educational activities, network with other producers and have a good time doing it.

Speaker Jolene Brown will be featured at the **Leadership Conference**, along with other educational and fun-filled sessions designed to help producers manage and lead their family, farm and cooperative in the future.

The **Leadership Conference** is designed for emerging young leaders (individuals or couples) who have not previously participated in this conference. **Reservations need to be made by March 1st.**

The Accelerated Genetics **Young Producer Program** is open to any dairy or beef producer, individuals or couples, who are interested in expanding their horizons, meeting other producers, while having fun. Anyone interested in becoming involved is encouraged to attend any or all the Young Producer activities throughout the year!

To make reservations for the **Leadership Conference**, call 1-800-451-9275 Ext. 5422 or email kstanek@accelgen.com by March 1st. All costs for this conference are covered by Accelerated Genetics.



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Young Producer Committee

Once involved in the program, there are more opportunities for producers to take on a leadership role. The program's yearly activities are organized and coordinated by the Young Producer Committee. Individuals and couples throughout Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Northern Illinois

make up the committee. This dynamic group encourages Young Producer involvement, plans annual events, and provides leadership to facilitate the continued success of the program. Committee members can serve two three-year terms.



The 2010-2011 Young Producer Committee Members. Front row (l-r): Elle Tibor, Katie Grady, and Jackie Pettis. Middle row (l-r): Ben Tibor, Tom Grady, and Dan Solum. Back row (l-r): Tim Bowers, Charlie Knigge, and Brian Koch. Not pictured: Tricia Solum and Jerry and Kelly Gimler.

Committee Members

Tim Bowers

Marion, Wis.

Charlie Knigge

Omro, Wis.

Dan & Tricia Solum

Spring Grove, Minn.

Jerry & Kelly Gimler

Watertown, Wis.

Brian Koch

Lodi, Wis.

Ben & Elle Tibor

Minnesota City, Minn.

Tom & Katie Grady

Oregon, Wis.

Jackie Pettis

Augusta, Wis.

Young Producer Program Coordinator

Kari Stanek

800.451.9275 ext. 5422

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2011 Herd Recognition Program



The **Herd Recognition Program** honors Accelerated Genetics cooperative members' milk production. Accelerated Genetics is proud to offer this award program to producers-members.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Herds that have a Combined Fat and Protein (CFP) level of 1400 pounds and above on their November 2010 test sheet are eligible to apply for the **Herd Recognition Program**. Additionally, herds must be at least 75 percent Accelerated Genetics sired.

Qualifying herds will be invited to attend a **2011 Regional Herd Recognition Banquet** on one of the following dates: **February 21 - Madison, Wis.**; **February 22 - Eau Claire, Wis.**; or **February 23 - LaCrosse, Wis.**

At the banquet, they will receive special recognition, an award and have learn from a educational seminar presented by Dr. Nigel Cook or Dr. Rebecca Mentink about Cow Comfort and the Dairyland Initiative - is a comprehensive resource, beginning with building decision trees – called the 'Wisconsin Blueprint' – for adult cattle and heifer housing, utilizing the most up-to-date standards for design.

This year's **Herd Recognition Program** will also include special acknowledgement to herds that participate in the PACE young sire program and the GEMpc mating program. **To apply for the Herd Recognition Program, fill out and return the application form on Page 11.**

2011 Herd Recognition Award Application

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

COUNTY: _____ BREED(s): _____

Are you an active Accelerated Genetics member? YES NO

Are you a PACE young sire herd? YES NO

Do you use the GEMpc mating service? YES NO

How many years have you received the Herd Recognition Award? _____

OR Are you a new Herd Recognition applicant? YES

Number of milkings per day? 2X 3X

Type of testing system? Official Unofficial

ACTUAL ROLLING HERD AVERAGE AS OF NOVEMBER 2010:

(Be complete and accurate.)

Minimum to qualify: 1400 pounds Combined Fat and Protein (CFP)

Number of Cows: _____ Pounds Milk: _____

% Fat: _____ Fat (lbs.): _____ % Protein: _____ Protein (lbs.): _____

Combined Fat and Protein (CFP): Fat (lbs.): ____ + Protein (lbs.): ____ = ____ CFP

What % of your herd on the November 2010 test sheet is Accelerated Genetics sired? _____

**** Please enclose your November 2010 test sheet (or a copy) with the sires of milking animals identified. Original test sheets will be returned. Copies of test sheets will not be returned.**

AFFIDAVIT VERIFYING APPLICANT MEETS MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. To the best of my knowledge, 75% or more of the cows in this herd as of November 2010 are sired by Accelerated Genetics.
2. The applicant is currently using Accelerated Genetics' services.
3. A minimum of 10 cows are included in the herd average.
4. A copy of the November test sheet with identity of sires of the milking animals are enclosed with this application. Original test sheets will be returned. Copies of test sheets are accepted, but not returned.

Signed: _____ Signed: _____

(Accelerated Genetics Representative)

(Applicant's Signature)

Applications must be postmarked by Wed., December 22, 2010

Send completed application to: Kelly Kendall, Accelerated Genetics, E10890 Penny Lane, Baraboo, WI 53913
For questions, call 800.451.9275 ext. 5423 or email kkendall@accelgen.com

Youth Scholarships

Accelerated Genetics is excited to offer scholarships to its customer's families.

Application Deadline is FEB. 15, 2011!

Youth Scholarship

Accelerated Genetics awards four - \$500 scholarships to high school seniors planning to major in agriculture at a short course, vocational technical college or a four-year university. Any high school senior who has participated in FFA, 4-H, any of the various breed organizations or any other agricultural organizations is eligible to apply.

To obtain a scholarship application, download it and/or fill it out online from the Accelerated Genetics Web site at www.accelgen.com, call

1.800.451.9275 or email kstanek@accelgen.com.

Collegiate Scholarship

Two - \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to students currently enrolled in a short course, vocational technical college or a four-year university degree program. Supported by Accelerated Genetics, the collegiate program is available to individuals who are currently in their freshman, sophomore, or junior year and are majoring in any agricultural field. This scholarship program is run by the National FFA Foundation.

This scholarship application can only be completed online at www.ffa.org and click on Scholarships 2011.

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