

## 2025 North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge & Academy

Sunday April 6 – Tuesday, April 8, 2025 Hosted by the Southern Regional Dairy Challenge Planning Committee Hilton University of Florida Conference Center in Gainesville, Florida

## **Optional Pre-Contest Farm Tour for Early Arriving Schools**

**Farm Tour:** Milk-A-Way Dairy in Mayo, Florida has offered to host Dairy Challenge participants on Sunday, April 6: tour option 1 is 12:30 – 1:30 PM, tour option 2 is 2:00 – 3:00 PM. **To help with planning, schools interested in touring this dairy should confirm plans by completing this form: <a href="https://forms.gle/vizMp7uQEkk7vMYe8">https://forms.gle/vizMp7uQEkk7vMYe8</a>. Schools should bring clean farm clothing and their own clean boots and/or boot covers for the Sunday farm visit.** 

## Milk-A-Way Dairy:

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Questions? Call Melanie Herman, 2025 National Contest Host: 321-624-9118

Johan Heijkoop and Gary Keyes started milking cows at this facility December 2022 after their old dairy in Webster FL started getting too close to the Urban Sprawl of The Villages retirement community. They also have another grazing dairy less than 10 miles away from this one. This location milks 1100 cows 2x. They are predominantly Holstein but you may see every imaginable breed as they are very involved in the community and have over 100 show cows milking there that are owned by local 4-H kids. The tour will cover the Florida-type open air holding pen & parlor, feeding barn, and commodity barn. Local industry reps, veterinarians, as well as University of Florida grazing specialists will join the owners in showing you a typical Florida dairy and answer all your questions.

