

Indiana Milk Quality Conference

2019 Speaker Biographies

Jenni Browning – American Dairy Association of Indiana

Jenni Browning, MS, RD, CD, is the Chief Executive Officer of American Dairy Association Indiana, Inc., (ADAI). A 10-year ADAI veteran, Jenni previously served as Senior Director of Communications & Wellness and as Director of Communications. From those positions, she directed program partnerships between the dairy association and Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indiana State Fair, the 500 Festival and Indianapolis Zoo, among others. She also led all ADAI communications including social media, traditional media, website, crisis and issues. Jenni, a native of Anderson, is a Ball State University graduate who received BSU's Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2018, and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics of Indiana's Media Award in 2016. She is a past president of the East Central Indiana Dietetic Association and the Indiana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and has served on numerous boards of directors including Action for Healthy Kids and Kids TRI for Kids. She resides in Carmel with husband Greg and son Reed.

Jolene Griffin – UDIM & Valley Grove Dairy Farm

Jolene Griffin works on behalf of Michigan's Dairy Farmers as the Director of Industry Relations at the United Dairy Industry of Michigan. Prior to joining UDIM, Jolene served in a similar role for seven years at Dairy Management, Inc., the national dairy checkoff organization. She helps farmers share their dairy story with consumers through tours, presentations and social media; shares with dairy farmers how their dairy promotion is working to grow sales of and demand for dairy products; and helps the dairy industry fine tune their crisis preparedness through updating crisis plans and practicing responses to a dairy industry crisis. Jolene has a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and Natural Resources Communication from Michigan State University, and is proud to have started her career on her family's dairy farm in Hastings, Michigan. Today the operation, managed by her parents and her brother, milks over 200 head of Holsteins and raises over 800 acres of crops for the dairy herd. She is often found on the farm either helping with chores or instilling the passion for dairy onto four nieces and three nephews she adores. Jolene is committed to helping the next generation of dairy leaders and volunteers her time as an advisory committee member for the national Young Dairy Leaders Institute through the Holstein Association.

Darin Copeland – Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.

Darin is the Public Relations Manager for Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. headquartered in Edwardsville, Illinois. He leads the outward PR strategies that promote Prairie Farms and the co-operative of dairy farmers who own it. Darin has experience generating positive public relations and media coverage for brand launches. He is also experienced with providing strategic public relations counsel and communications during crisis situations. Darin was previously a managing supervisor in the Brand Marketing group at Fleishman Hillard's global headquarters in St. Louis, providing media relations, communications, crisis counsel, and social media expertise for a variety of clients, including General Motors, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, AbbVie Pharmaceutical, and Olin Chemical. He led public relations strategies that led to media coverage and social engagement for the launch of the Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck, a grand opening for Bass Pro Shops' Wonders of Wildlife museum, seasonal hiring needs at UPS, and the introduction of exotic car rentals for Enterprise. Prior to joining Fleishman Hillard, Darin spent seventeen years in television news with top-rated network affiliates KSDK in St. Louis, Missouri; KSAZ in Phoenix, Arizona; and WGBA in Green Bay, Wisconsin. At each station he worked as an assignment editor and web producer, researching and writing stories for broadcast and the web. He also marketed news products for broadcast, internet and social media channels, and planned special events

coverage. Darin also has experience as a news photographer and video editor. Darin holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communications from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Jane Hillstrom – Hillstrom Public Relations

As the President of HillstromPR, Jane and her team manage public relations campaigns for a wide range of industries including agriculture and tourism. Her clients have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *People* magazine and on CNN Financial News. She has prepared her clients for everything from interviews on *Nightline* to giving speeches in front of thousands of people and for numerous regional broadcast news programs, and print and online articles. Her client list includes the United Dairy Industry of Michigan, World Dairy Expo, Dairy Management Inc., Wisconsin Beef Council, Culver Franchising Incorporated, Land O' Lakes, The Shallows Resort, Kinnard Farms, Majestic Crossing Dairy, Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association and others. She has led communications training workshops across the United States with hundreds of CEOs on media training, presentation skills and community relations. Her strength is her ability to take participants to the next level in their communications skills in a comfortable, non-intimidating setting. Jane holds a certificate in Reputation Management from the Public Relations Society of America. She has assisted clients on issues ranging from a murder to food recalls to animal diseases and more. She has written crisis plans for national brands and has served as a national spokesperson during a food crisis. Her work has won national awards in the areas of writing and public relations campaigns from the National Agri-Marketing Association. In 2017, Hillstrom PR won Best of Show at the Public Relations Society of America's Northeast chapter. In 2011, she was named one of the University of Wisconsin – Madison's College of Life Science's "Grow Dozen," 12 alumni making a difference in their field. In 2016, she was selected by the UW Alumni Association to participate in their Boundless Together campaign. Jane has written articles which have been published in *Chicago Home and Garden*, *Corporate Report*, *Wisconsin Trails*, *Lake Michigan Travel Guide*, *Door County Living* and for two years she was a regular contributor to the *Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel*. She recently finished her first book about the stories of why people settled in Door County, Wisconsin. Jane believes individuals and communities grow through involvement and support of the arts. Jane was a founding board member of Isadoora Theatre Company in Door County in addition to choreographing several musicals. Jane and her husband, Mark, have two grown children. Three years ago, they foolishly rescued two black lab mix puppies, which keep them very busy.

Alex Beard – Dairy Farmers of America

Alex Beard is Manager of Milk Quality for Dairy Farmers of America- Mideast Area and SW Region Supervisor. He has been employed with DFA for 13 years, and began his career with the co-op as a field rep. in central Ohio. Prior to working for DFA he worked for the Ohio Farm Bureau. Alex graduated from OSU's college of Agriculture in Animal Science and the Agricultural Technical Institute in Applied Dairy Science. He has been active in the Dairy Industry since he enrolled in FFA, and now helps as advisor for his children's 4-H club in Richwood Ohio, where they raise cattle and sheep.

Dr. Richard Wallace – Zoetis

A 1985 graduate of The Ohio State University, Dr. Wallace started his own mixed-animal veterinary practice in Centerburg, Ohio upon graduation. Desiring more work with dairy cattle, he sold his practice in 1987 and joined a three-person dairy practice in Door County, Wisconsin. In 1993, he became the first Food Animal Production Medicine Resident at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. After completing a Master's degree in Veterinary Preventative Medicine in 1995, he joined the faculty at the University of Illinois as the Dairy Extension Veterinarian. Dr. Wallace taught several dairy production medicine courses and continues to be the lead instructor for two online continuing education courses (Milk Quality and Udder Health and Advanced Cattle Reproduction) that are integral for the Online Dairy Certificate Program offered by Academic Outreach at the University of Illinois. In a cooperative role with the Department of Animal Sciences, Dr. Wallace served as the faculty coordinator and dairy farm manager for the Dairy Cattle Research Unit at the University of Illinois for seven years. Dr. Wallace is a past president of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and the American Association of Extension Veterinarians. He has also served four years as an advisor to the board of directors for the Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin. In July 2010, Dr. Wallace joined Zoetis as a Technical Service Veterinarian focusing on dairy operations. He conducts dairy support activities alongside

thirteen other veterinarians across the United States. Dr. Wallace covers most of Wisconsin and northern Illinois. He lives in McFarland, Wisconsin with his wife, Carrie.

Dr. Shaw Perrin – Ohio State University

Dr. Shaw Perrin is Assistant Professor at The Ohio State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, where he is a clinician on the Large Animal Ambulatory Service. He enjoys serving large animal clients and helping prepare the next generation of bovine veterinarians. Before joining Ohio State, Dr. Perrin spent 8 years in private practice, serving as a dairy production veterinarian at Dairy Veterinary & Management Services in Goshen, Indiana. Dr. Perrin is an active member of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP), having recently served on the Ethics Task Force of AABP and currently serving as a member of the Welfare Committee and the Pain Management Sub-Committee. Dr. Perrin is also an active member of the Ohio Dairy Veterinarians group and the Dairy Cattle Welfare Council, and has written for *Hoard's Dairyman* magazine. Dr. Perrin's professional interests include dairy production medicine, mastitis and milk quality, transition cow management, dairy cattle welfare, antibiotic stewardship, and the ethics of eating. Dr. Perrin studied philosophy at the University of Chicago and received his DVM from The Ohio State University.

Cari Endert-Klaasen – MSU Graduate Student

Cari Endert-Klaasen was raised on a Dairy farm in northern lower Michigan before attending Michigan State University to complete a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science. Cari has spent a few years in the food industry before becoming a Dairy Products Inspector with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Cari is a student at Michigan State University in the Masters of Science in Food Safety program, with the anticipation of also completing a Masters in Global Food Law.

Brian Houin – Homestead Dairy Farm

Brian Houin was born and raised on his family farm in Plymouth, Indiana. He graduated from Purdue in 2003 with a degree in Meteorology and a minor in Spanish. Even though he doesn't practice forecasting the weather, it gave him a passion for analyzing data. Faced with the challenge of staying competitive in the dairy industry, the Homestead Dairy family decided to build automated calf feeders, a new robotic facility, and a methane digester to take advantage of new technologies and improve efficiencies.

Somula (Sam) Schwoeppe – Schwoeppe Dairy LLC

Sam Schwoeppe is part of Schwoeppe Dairy LLC in south west Indiana. Schwoeppe Dairy LLC milks around 100 holstein and brown swiss cows in a double 5 herringbone parlor. The Schwoeppe herd is fed a TMR ration and maintains a herd average of 24,457 pounds. The milk cows are maintained in a 72 free stall barn with sand bedding and the dry cows are kept on a manure pack. In addition to the cows, the Schwoeppe family farms close to 200 acres. Sam Schwoeppe has a lifetime of experience living and working on a dairy farm with responsibilities including milking, feeding, crop work, record keeping, accounting, and animal care management. Sam feels that living and working on a dairy farm is a fantastic place to raise a family and to learn about work ethics, care and compassion for people and animals, and to see the results and consequences of decisions made every day on the farm and how important it is to have teamwork for success. In addition to the work she does on the farm, Sam has worked as a Dairy Herd Improvement Supervisor for the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, which involved visiting dairy farms in south west Indiana on a monthly basis where she assisted them with record keeping, milk sampling, and general dairy management consultation for herds of different size, breed, and management types. Schwoeppe Dairy LLC is a member of Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc., and Sam serves on the Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. Board of Directors as the Treasurer. She has been involved in the National Milk Producers Federation Young Cooperators and served on their Advisory Council in 2014. Sam is involved in her community in many facets. Included in her involvements are: a 4-H leader for over 20 years, served on the 4-H council and livestock committees, President of the Dubois County Young Dairyman, President of Southwest Indiana Holstein Breeders, President of the Holland Elementary School PTO, wrestling booster

President, Dubois County Farm Bureau Assistant Women's Leader, Indiana Farm Bureau, Indiana Holstein Board of Directors, Indiana Holstein Association Junior Advisor, American Dairy Association of Indiana Board of Directors, and Indiana Dairy Development Board.

Kim Minich – Triple M Dairy

Drew Miroff – Ice Miller LLP

Drew Miroff is a partner in the Business Litigation Group. He concentrates his practice in complex litigation focusing on supply chain, products, business and land use litigation. Drew is frequently described as an aggressive, yet practical litigator who gets to the heart of the issues in an effort to find quick, efficient, and favorable solutions to his client's business disputes. In this part of his litigation practice, Drew represents businesses in virtually all aspects of their litigation including supply chain disputes (UCC disputes, service disputes, termination of supplier contracts, supplier stop ship treats, distributor agreements, etc.), business torts and contract disputes (including unfair competition, non-compete/non-solicitation enforcement, proprietary information protection, business separations, etc.), real estate matters (contractual, zoning and condemnation actions) as well as product, premises, and asbestos related liability claims. For many years Drew also worked with both the underground and surface mining industry with respect to citations and orders issued by the Mine Safety Health Administration. While looking for out-of-court solutions where possible, Drew and his team have successfully tried cases in traditional Court settings as well as less-traditional arbitration settings. Drew is also frequently in state and federal courts seeking and defending against temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, and other forms of emergency relief. In addition to his litigation practice, Drew's calm, thoughtful, no-nonsense style and broad risk management experience frequently leads to his involvement as part of the client's strategic team. In this role, Drew works with clients to identify areas of risk and then develop and implement mitigation and litigation avoidance strategies. In addition, Drew routinely helps guide clients through catastrophic incident and crisis situations, including directing external and internal investigations. Drew's litigation and risk management experience spans a wide array of industries including agriculture, manufacturing, heavy duty industrial and commercial equipment and components manufacturers, apartment management, construction, energy, mining, commercial real estate and a multitude of general service providers. Drew is from Indianapolis, Indiana. He received his Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the University of Michigan in 1996, with high honors. In 1999, he earned his juris doctor, *cum laude*, from Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, Illinois. While attending law school, he was a member of the National Moot Court Team, the co-chairperson for the Julius Miner Moot Court Competition and served on the SBA Admissions Committee. Drew joined Ice Miller in 1999.

Dr. Bret Marsh – Indiana Board of Animal Health

Dr. Bret Marsh serves as the Indiana State Veterinarian. He is responsible for all statewide animal health programs, as well as providing inspection services for the meat, poultry and dairy products industries. He is also an advisor to the Indiana State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. Dr. Marsh previously served as the Special Detail to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's Homeland Security Staff. In that role, he represented the views of the country's state veterinarians on issues affecting the nation's ability to preserve and protect its agricultural assets. Dr. Marsh was Treasurer to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) for six years, and served in the AVMA House of Delegates for nearly a decade. Dr. Marsh is a past President of the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association and Executive Committee member of the United States Animal Health Association. He has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from both the Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine and the Purdue College of Agriculture. He received his BS degree in Animal Sciences, and his DVM from Purdue University.

Danelle Bickett-Weddle – Iowa State University

Dr. Danelle Bickett-Weddle is a South Dakota native who now resides in Iowa, working as the Associate Director of the Center for Food Security and Public Health at Iowa State University. She is passionate about biosecurity, public health, and the cattle industry and combines these topics in her work educating livestock producers, veterinarians, veterinary students, and the public about animal diseases and how to protect themselves and their livelihood. She has degrees from Iowa State (DVM and PhD) and the University of Iowa (MPH) where she teaches a public health emergency preparedness course. She is a Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine and just began her term as the President of the organization. Her favorite dairy product is ice cream and thanks you all for your passion for the dairy industry!

Doug Leman – Indiana Dairy Producers

Douglas Leman is a native of Francesville, Indiana, a small farming community located in the Northwest part of the state. Upon graduation from high school, he attended the Purdue Agriculture Short Course and then returned home to the families' grain and dairy farm. Doug and his wife, Margaret, took over the family dairy and continued as partners in the grain operation along with Doug's three brothers. In 2001, Doug and Margaret, along with their four sons, decided to venture out on their own. Pursuing their passion for dairy farming, they built Sunny Ridge Dairy, an 800 head dairy farm. The family enjoyed working together for ten years before making the decision to sell the farm in 2011. In April of 2011, Doug became the Executive Director of Indiana Dairy Producers. During his tenure as Executive Director, one of Doug's main objectives has been to bring more processing into the state, thus allowing for increased export potential for Indiana's dairy industry. In 2014, Doug was invited by the Lt. Governor to participate in her Agriculture Trade Mission to Asia where they traveled to Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan. Doug continues to expand his relationships, both locally and internationally, with the goal of supporting the dairy industry in Indiana and beyond.

Greg Slipher – Indiana Farm Bureau

Greg Slipher joined Indiana Farm Bureau staff as a Livestock Development Specialist and began his duties in December of 2006. He comes to Farm Bureau from a livestock production background and has championed livestock issues for the Indiana Pork Producers Association for 12 years as their Director of Industry Services & Development. His IPPA responsibilities included industry communications, educational program development and delivery, relationship building and local advocacy. He is largely responsible for the successful "IPPA, Building Strong Communities" and "IPPA, Good Neighbor" programs. Greg has extensive local government experience having served as chair of the Clinton County Area Plan Commission, chair of the Clinton County Soil & Water Conservation District and service on the Clinton County Board of Zoning Appeals. Since joining Indiana Farm Bureau, Greg has worked with Area Plan Commissions and County Commissioners as he has advocated for livestock in over 50 counties in Indiana. He has been active in leadership development through the Indiana Agricultural Leadership Institute, Indiana and National Young Farmer Associations, FFA and National Council for Vocational and Technical Education in Agriculture. Greg lives in Boone County and has two grown children, son Jordan and daughter Lindsey.

Lewis Ramsey -Kentucky Department of Agriculture

Lewis Ramsey is a graduate of Western Kentucky University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. After graduation, Lewis began his dairy industry career during 1987 working in numerous positions in milk processing plants. In 1994, he was appointed as the Chief of Production with the Dairy Division at the Indiana Board of Animal Health. Mr. Ramsey held that position until 2003 when he was hired as the Manager of Kentucky's Milk Safety Branch for the Kentucky Department for Public Health. Lewis' responsibilities include administering and overseeing the Commonwealth's milk program and enforcing regulations pertaining to the

public health for citizens throughout KY and other states. Ramsey is active in the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments where he is a member of the Appendix N and Milk Hauler's Committees and Council II. Lewis serves as an advisor for the KY Dairy Development Council, Dairy Products Association of KY, UK Regulatory Services and the KY Farm Bureau Dairy Advisory Committee.

Deb Osza – Retired from American Dairy Association of Indiana

Deb Osza is the recently retired, former CEO of American Dairy Association Indiana, a communication and nutrition science and education company funded by dairy farmers. She retired following a 41-year-long career in dairy promotion. Career highlights include farm visits; promoting nature's most nearly perfect food; ensuring ice cold milk is provided to the winning driver of the INDIANAPOLIS 500 Mile Race; partnering with the Indianapolis Colts to improve nutrition and fitness in Indiana schools; managing the ADAI Dairy Bar at the Indiana State Fair; partnering with the Indiana State School Music Association to leverage the Winners Drink Milk campaign; and facilitating New Employee Orientation for new dairy promotion staff from around the country. Before serving as CEO, Deb was the Director of Communications and Consumer Programs. Deb discovered her passion, her tribe and her life's work when she began her career in the dairy industry in 1977 at the Dairy Council of Northern Indiana. Deb has served on various national committees, work groups and teams for the dairy industry's promotion program, providing leadership and long-term planning. A Cum Laude graduate of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, Deb earned a Bachelor of Science degree double majoring in Marketing and Business Administration. She was a National Collegiate Business Merit Award Scholar. Deb has served on local boards and committees including Business and Professional Women, Indiana Agriculture Resource Council, Women in Communications, the North Indiana Emmaus Community, Indiana Consumer Trends Council, Lapel Community Band, Lapel Food Pantry and the Elkhart Rotary. Deb and her husband, Dave, live in Elkhart on the St. Joseph River along with their Border Collie, English Shepherd and black cat. In retirement, Deb and Dave moved back home to be near their parents and other family members.

Dr. Mike Schutz – University of Minnesota

Michael M. Schutz began his role as Head of the Department of Animal Science in CFANS on June 11, 2018. Prior to his arrival in Minnesota, he was Assistant Director of Extension for Agriculture and Natural Resources at Purdue University for 4 years and Professor of Dairy Management in Animal Science for 22 years. Schutz's Dairy Extension program covered a number of areas from breeding and genetics to milk marketing, and cow comfort. Schutz counts receiving the Steve Atkisson Indiana Dairy Leadership Award and the Sharvelle Award for Purdue's Outstanding Extension Specialist among his most satisfying achievements.

Bruce Kettler – Indiana Department of Agriculture

Bruce Kettler is the Director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, appointed by Governor Eric Holcomb on January 8, 2018. He also serves as the Director of Agribusiness Development for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and reports directly to Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, who serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. Prior to joining ISDA, Bruce worked as the Director of Public Relations for Beck's Hybrids and brings to the department more than 30 years of agricultural leadership experience and knowledge, ranging from production to sales to community and industry relations. Bruce grew up in western Ohio and developed a passion and appreciation for agriculture at an early age. He was a member of 4-H and FFA, worked on a dairy farm and served as the Ohio FFA President, as well as Vice President for National FFA. After his years of service, Bruce attended Ohio State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Agronomy with emphasis in Agricultural Business. He began his career in 1987 at Dow AgroSciences where he spent nearly 20 years working in a variety of roles including sales and marketing, finance management, advertising and public relations support and agronomic sales. In 2004, he worked at ABG, Inc. as the Business Development Manager and then joined Beck's Hybrids two years later as a sales consultant. During his 11-year tenure at Beck's, Bruce also worked as an Area Team Leader, Field Sales Manager and Director of Public Relations. Along with having a diverse background in agriculture, Bruce also has vast leadership experience and is an active member of the community. He is a 2012 graduate of the Indiana

Agricultural Leadership Program where he experienced many facets of Indiana agriculture from policy formation to rural development and a two-week study of international agriculture in India. He also serves on the Ohio State University President's Alumni Advisory Council and is a member of the Board of Trustees for Riverview Health in Hamilton County. Formerly, Bruce served as a board member for the Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation and as the industry representative for the Illinois Corn Growers Board. Bruce's family is dedicated to the agricultural industry as his wife Tammy is Senior Director of Corporate Relations for the College of Agriculture, Purdue University. His son Cory is involved in production agriculture at Beck's Hybrids, and his daughter Christy is a senior at Purdue majoring in Agronomy. At ISDA, Bruce's main priorities include: advocating on behalf of Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level; supporting existing agribusinesses while attracting new ones to the state; lifting up youth development organizations, like 4-H and FFA, as well as raising awareness about the importance of agricultural education; promoting the conservation of Indiana's land and water resources; and working with farmers, agencies and industry partners to take Indiana agriculture to the next level.

John Rhoads – Eastern Laboratory Services

John Rhoads is the Director of Eastern Laboratory Services (ELS). With over 40 years of experience in the dairy industry, he is responsible for the operations and services provided by ELS laboratories. John is the President of the North American Lab Managers Association, Chairman of National DHIA Lab Advisory Committee, he is the US representative on the milk analysis sub-committee of ICAR and is a member of the NCIMS lab committee. John and his wife Beverly live in Medina, Ohio and spend most of their spare time with their 5 children and 11 grandchildren.

Hilary Sullivan – Eastern Laboratory Services

Hilary Sullivan has been the Laboratory Operations Manager at ELS since 2010. ELS is a dairy testing laboratory that serves the Midwest area. In her time at ELS she has brought several new testing platforms to the laboratory and developed novel testing methods for milk quality issues. Prior to that, she was the VP of Research for Eco Sol, LLC a small biofuels and specialty dairy feeds company. She also spent four years as the owner operator of a small grazing dairy herd in GA and did legal consulting work for other farmers. She has a B.S. degree from the University of Massachusetts, and an M.S. and Ph.D. from The University of Georgia in Animal Science with an emphasis in nutritional microbiology and dairy nutrition. After graduate school, she was the State Dairy Extension Specialist for the state of NM for four years, where she worked on research projects in ruminant microbiology, vitamin utilization, and Johne's disease. Her outreach activities for farmers included bioenergy technologies, environmental management, and CAFO compliance.

Allie Rieth – American Dairy Association of Indiana

Allie Rieth is the Farmer Relations Manager at American Dairy Association Indiana. Allie developed a passion for farming from her family, who live and farm in Elkhart County. She holds a degree in Animal Science from Purdue University and a Master's in Strategic Communications, also from Purdue. She comes to the dairy association from Indiana Farm Bureau, where she served in roles including north-central Indiana Regional Manager and Young Farmer Coordinator. Prior to her tenure with Farm Bureau, Allie worked in program development for the Animal Agriculture Alliance in Washington DC. At ADAI, she focuses on maintaining and building public confidence in the dairy industry, farmers and products, and supporting farmers in crisis preparedness and dairy promotion.

Kristy Kikly – Caprini Creamery

Caprini Creamery, LLC is owned and operated by Kristy Kikly and her husband, Mike Hoopengardner and is located about 40 miles east of Indianapolis in Spiceland, Indiana. All the milk for their cheese comes from their herd of Nigerian Dwarf and Oberhasli goats. They make a variety of cheeses from fresh chevre and feta, bloomy rind cheeses and a few aged cheeses. They purchased 57 acres of cropland in 2007 and started developing the farm. They have planted over 40 acres of pasture consisting of a variety of grasses, legumes and forbs for rotational grazing and hay for their dairy goats and llamas. In August 2011 the commercial dairy was completed and State certified. For more information about the dairy and farm, please see the website: www.caprinicreamery.com.

Tom Waitt – Dandy Breeze Dairy

Tom and Sally Waitt have a Jersey farm in Sheridan. They have been milking for over 30 years. Tom also teaches middle school science in Westfield. In July of 2017 their on farm creamery was opened and they started bottling whole cream line milk. Sally and their son Ross deliver milk to many coffee shops and small restaurants in Indianapolis. The business continues to grow, mainly by word of mouth.

Jennifer Knebel – Sallies By The Shore

Haley Lehman – Schnabeltier

Haley Lehman is the Cheese Maker and Head Brewer for Schnabeltier. She has been employed by Schnabeltier for four years. Her journey with the company started out with running the retail space throughout the week and quickly morphed into helping out with the cheese making and wine making processes. As time went on, Haley moved from running the retail space to making cheese, managing the aging room, and most recently brewing beer. Although she works with a partner, with her partner making the wine and both of them making the cheese, the beer has been something she has been able to solely be in charge of. She has found it to be an enjoyable and unique new challenge that she is very excited about. With the addition of Schnabeltier's beer and the fact all of the products are made on site, all in the same facility as the retail store, they have found that Schnabeltier provides a unique experience for all their patrons.

Patrick Hash – Indiana Board of Animal Health

Patrick Hash's 2017 appointment to Director of the Dairy Division at the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) marks a return to the agency. Patrick previously served as a dairy inspector for Southeastern Indiana for 2 years until 2013. In the interim, Patrick worked as a dairy inspector and Pasteurization Specialist for 3 years for the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Patrick holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Youth Development and Ag Education from Purdue University. He began his career as a high school Ag Science and Business teacher, as well as FFA chapter advisor. A native of Greensburg, Ind., Patrick is an active volunteer in his community, along with his wife Paige and four children.