

DCRC webinar, presented in Portuguese, looks at minimizing use of timed AI

“Maximizing Fertility While Minimizing Timed AI Use” (“Maximizando fertilidade e, ao mesmo tempo, minimizando o uso de IA em tempo fixo”), presented in Portuguese, is the featured topic for the next Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council (DCRC) webinar. The free webinar starts at 2 p.m. Central time on Nov. 16. Luis Mendonca, a member of the Merck Animal Health Ruminant Technical Services team, will serve as the instructor for this one-hour webinar.

Mendonca, previously with Kansas State University, will discuss key aspects to be considered when striving to maximize dairy cattle fertility in programs that minimize the use of timed artificial insemination (AI). Considering that the transition period has a tremendous impact in reproductive efficiency, Mendonca will share how strategies used in the prepartum and postpartum periods may influence fertility.

In addition, when the goal is to minimize the use of timed AI services, programs conducive to induce estrus should be considered. Also, Mendonca will discuss research study findings that rely on strategies focused on inseminating a large proportion of lactating cows in estrus, instead of timed AI.

During the webinar, Mendonca will address:

- Aspects to consider in programs striving to maximize dairy cattle reproductive efficiency
- Factors that influence fertility from the dry period to insemination
- Pattern of insemination in programs striving to minimize timed AI protocols for first service
- Programs aiming to reduce reinsemination interval by focusing on estrous detection

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