



**DAIRY STOCKMANSHIP™**

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*Dairy Stockmanship Life-cycle Series Virginia Tech Workshop@ October, 2018*  
**An intensive 3-day hands-on Training Program in safe and efficient dairy animal handling**

**Faculty Instructors**

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**Specific Course Goals**

1. Given instruction students will be able to demonstrate their understanding of safety for people and dairy animals
2. Given instruction students will be able to understand how dairy animals sense their environment and learn from it
3. Given instruction students will be able to move animals in efficient manner – AI/chute/show/injections/herding
4. Given instruction students will be able to calm a restrained cow AI/chute/show/injections/herding
5. Given instruction students will articulate the positive effect of low-energy handling on animal and humane welfare
6. Given instruction students will present themselves as being an efficient dairy animal handler anywhere/anytime

Individuals completing the course learn how large animals sense the environment, including people, the triggers that result in adverse reactions, and low-energy handling techniques. Through hands-on experience beginning with young farm animals the students recognize the importance of body posture and human emotional control when dealing with farm animals. The student will be able to immediately apply their knowledge of animal behavior to herd livestock, sort animals from herds, safely capture animals, assess the character of the target animal, halter, lead, tether young-stock, and be able to safely approach and examine the animal.

**Workshop schedule**

Class meets Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 19, 20, 21, 2018. Friday's class will start about 4 PM (may shift depending on student schedules). Saturday and Sunday are from 7:30 to 4:30/5:00 each day. We will meet at the Virginia Tech dairy center at Kentland, 5279 Whitethorne Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060.



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**Prior to workshop:** Review Youngstock Education Internet Download Module. <http://umash.umn.edu/stockmanship/> Scroll to “Videos.” Watch all.

**Before Wednesday:** <https://hoards.com/article-7964-a-bud-box-could-speed-your-sorting.html>

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p><b><u>TBD (possible 4 pm) AM Barn</u></b>            Safety discussion- video/photo releases</p> <p><b>Barn Activity:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herding sorting and parking in Heifer pens</li> <li>• zig-zag, alley movement</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>7:30-9:00 AM Barn</u></b>            Review day 1 experience. Questions.</p> <p><b>Barn Activity:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking free stalls; slowing, stopping, turning, starting</li> <li>• Holding area, parlor</li> <li>• Dealing with down cows</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>7:30 AM ~ 12 PM</u></b>            Review day 2 experience. Questions.</p> <p><b>Barn Activity:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moving dry cows from pasture to close up pen</li> </ul>
<b>LUNCH</b>		
<p>Barn Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slowing heifers in pasture and pen</li> <li>• transition to “wheel-around” the handlers</li> </ul> <p>Barn Rounds discussion  <b><u>8:00 PM END TIME</u></b></p> <p><b>**Bring Food and Drinks with you</b></p>	<p><b><u>1-4:30 PM:</u></b>            Barn Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With Bud Box</li> <li>• Loading trailers</li> </ul> <p>Barn Rounds discussion</p> <p><b>*Bring Food and Drinks with you</b></p>	<p><b><u>1-4 PM</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training cows to stand quietly in chute/when tied</li> <li>• Mock injections</li> <li>• Show train heifers</li> </ul> <p>Barn Rounds discussion            Certificate issuance</p> <p><b>*Bring Food and Drinks with you</b></p>