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Secretary of Agriculture Dr. Sonny Perdue Sends Welcome Message to Phoenix

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and veterinarian Dr. Sonny Perdue helped open the AABP General Session yesterday with a personal video to AABP attendees.

In the video, Perdue, who grew up on a dairy farm and worked with cattle in his early years as a veterinarian, said, “I understand how important it is to keep up with best practices. It cannot happen without your dedicated leadership.” He reiterated the conference theme of “Become Indispensable”, and said, “That’s what you are to me for food safety and quality.”

Affirming his commitment to veterinary medicine, Perdue and his wife Mary endowed a scholarship to the University of Georgia food animal veterinary program. He also touched on the experiences of Dr. Randall Spare and his cow-calf client Mark Gardiner who worked through the devastating Kansas wildfires to protect people, properties and livestock, and were instrumental in recovery efforts in their community. Spare and Gardiner will speak on these experiences in this morning’s beef session.

The video will be available at www.aabp.org soon!



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Breakfast With a Bovine Twist!

Thursday’s “Breakfast with a Bovine Twist” sponsored by Diamond V featured Dr. Sam Barringer, ruminant technical services specialist and field researcher with Diamond V.

Barringer’s presentation, “Detecting and Breaking Abnormal/Normal Paradigms: The Art and Science of Feeding for Health and Immune Resilience”, addressed the question of whether we are “winning the battle against bovine respiratory disease” and provided considerations for other solutions for BRD and other health syndromes. He presented how the immune system is designed to detect very small disturbances within the biology of the animal, and where nutrition can fit within that paradigm.

Barringer pointed out the idea of immune resiliency, and noted opportunities to improve immune readiness through nutrition. Outlining research to support the position, he discussed how improved immunity and health through nutrition can lead to reduced severity and duration of health impacts, resulting in less treatment, treatment costs and morbidity.



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Live and Silent Auction Items on Display!

Silent Auction closes at 4pm! If you are a winning bidder, please try to pay at the AABP Registration Desk before you leave the conference. If you are unable to, all winning bidders and donors will be notified post-conference about their items.



Live items will be featured at tonight's Amstutz Auction and Scholarship Dinner, sponsored by

Zoetis, from 6-9 pm in the Convention Center 120 ABC.

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AABP Trade Show Features 110+ Exhibitors

The first day of the AABP trade show in the Exhibit Hall was a success! Over 110 exhibitors and hundreds of company personnel showcased the latest in animal health products, equipment, supplies and related services.



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Wine and Cheese Reception Allows Attendees to Wind Down and Ramp Up!

For the fourth year in a row, the Wine and Cheese Reception, hosted by AABP and Midwestern University, was a perfect way to end the first day

of scientific sessions and allow friends, colleagues and peers to socialize for a night on the town in Phoenix.



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Elanco Student Reception

The Elanco-sponsored AABP Student Reception was held at in a gorgeous rooftop setting of the Valley Overlook space at the Sheraton. With over 330 veterinary students from 38 U.S., Canada and off-shore veterinary schools registered for the conference, it was a successful event!

"It's always a great time at the reception with the AABP students," says Elanco's Dr. Mike Overton. "Phoenix was a great venue for our future bovine veterinarians to socialize and network with their peers at other schools."



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