**Northern Tier Dairy Summit**

**April 1-2, 2019**

**Draft Agenda**

April 1

1 – 1:15pm: Arrival and Welcome

Governor Phil Scott (invited)

Secretary Anson Tebbetts, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Secretary Michael Schirling, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

1:15 – 2pm: Working Group Updates

Dairy and Water Quality: Roger Albee & Gil Livingston

Future of Agriculture: Chuck Ross

Milk Commission: Diane Bothfeld

2 – 3pm: Running a Dairy Business in a Local Market

Speaker forthcoming

3 – 4:30pm: Running a Dairy Business in the Global Market

Zach Ward, Grasslands Dairy Farms – New Zealand & Missouri

4:30 – 5pm: Facilitated table discussion

5 - 6pm: Open time, check into rooms

5:30 – 6:30pm: Hors d’oeuvres, cash bar, networking

6:30 – 8pm: Dinner

April 2

6:30 - 8am: Breakfast

8 – 8:15am: Welcome – Chuck Ross

8:15 - 10am: Keynote, Dr. David Kohl

10 – 10:30am: Break

10:30 – 12pm: Breakout Session 1

* Producing Milk for a Specific Purpose: How making milk with certain attributes can create a win-win situation
  + Facilitator: Jeremy Stephenson, Spring Brook Farm
  + Speakers: Galen Jones, Crowley Cheese; Jeff Lewis, Fox Valley Farm
* Farmers Provide Ecosystem Services – How do farmers envision a payment system working for them
  + Facilitator: Heather Darby
* Your Farm in 2029 – What does the future look like?
  + Facilitator: forthcoming
  + Speakers: Brent and Regina Beidler; John Roberts
* Dairy and the Benefit of Local – Getting Commodity Dairy to the Local Discussion
  + Facilitators: Ellen Kahler and Jake Claro, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund and Farm to Plate Initiative
  + Speakers: forthcoming

12pm – 1:15pm: Lunch

1:15 – 2:45pm: Breakout Session 2

* Using Your Voice for Change – Impacting policy through coalition building
  + Kara O’Connor, Government Relations Director, Wisconsin Farmers Union
* Capitalizing on the Vermont Brand – Past Lessons and Future Directions
  + Moderator: Abbey Willard
  + Speakers forthcoming
* Grazing – How this production strategy can work for your farm
  + Facilitators: Sarah Flack and Cheryl Cesario
  + Speakers: Leon Corse, Corse Farm Dairy (VT); Bruce Rivington, Kriemhild Dairy (NY), Steve Robinson (NY)
* Additional session in development

2:45 – 3pm: Break

3pm – 4pm: Next Steps

* Facilitated table conversations to guide future work

4pm – 4:15pm: Closing Remarks