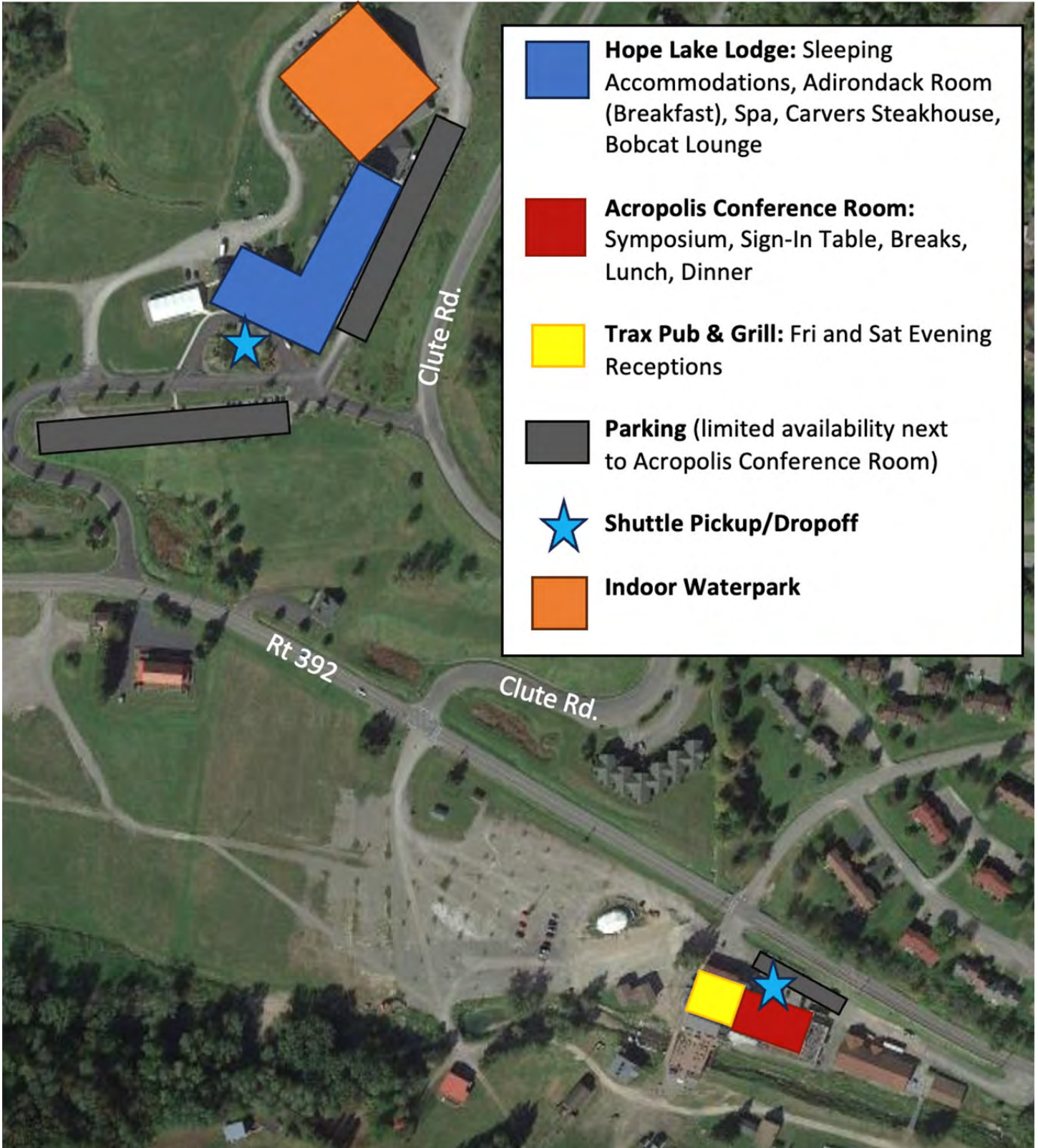


35th Annual
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Greek Peak Mountain Resort
Cortland, NY
March 27-29, 2026



Agenda

All sessions held in Acropolis Ballroom

Friday (3/27/26)

1:00pm-1:05pm	Welcome	
1:05pm-2:00pm	"Dairy Market Situation and Outlook"	– Kathleen Noble Wolfley
2:00pm-3:00pm	"Veterinary Business Advice"	– Charlotte Lacroix
3:00pm-3:30pm	Break	
3:30pm-5:00pm	"Veterinary Business Advice" (cont.)	
5:00pm-6:30pm	Evening Reception (Trax Pub & Grill & Acropolis Ballroom)	
6:30pm-8:00pm	Dinner (Acropolis Ballroom)	

Saturday (3/28/26)

6:30am-7:45am	Breakfast (Behind fireplace at Hope Lake Lodge)	
	- shuttle from Lodge front entrance to conference room runs 6:45-8:15am	
8:00am-9:30am	"Value and Pain Points of Automated Monitoring Systems: Practical Insights for Dairy Practitioners"	– Julio Giordano
9:30am-9:45am	Break	
9:45am-10:35am	"The Vet's Role in Developing the Dairy Workforce from Competence to Compliance"	– Rich Stup, Kaityln Lutz, Mary Lewis
10:35am-10:45am	Break	
10:45am-12:00pm	"The Vet's Role in Developing the Dairy Workforce from Competence to Compliance" (cont.)	
12:00pm-12:50pm	Lunch (Acropolis Ballroom)	
12:50pm-1:50pm	"Making the most out of BRD diagnostic testing"	– Drew Magstadt
1:50pm-2:50pm	"Milk Quality: Systems, Management, & Troubleshooting"	– Michelle Buckley & Paul Virkler
2:50pm-3:30pm	Ice Cream Break (donated by Stewart's Shops)	
3:30pm-4:30pm	"Milk Quality: Systems, Management, & Troubleshooting" (cont.)	
4:30pm-5:30pm	"Role and Impact of Water Quality on Milk"	– Chris Elliott
5:30pm-6:30pm	Evening Reception (Trax Pub & Grill & Acropolis Ballroom)	
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Sunday (3/29/26)

6:30am-8:00am	Breakfast (Behind fireplace at Hope Lake Lodge)	
	- shuttle from Lodge front entrance to conference room runs 6:45-8:15am	
8:00am-9:00am	"Dairy Calf Transportation"	– Dave Renaud
9:00am-9:15am	Break	
9:15am-10:15am	"Practical Approaches to Calf Health Management"	– Dave Renaud
10:15am-10:30am	Break	
10:30am-11:15am	"Backyard Medicine"	– Jon Higgins
11:15am-12:00pm	"Practical Euthanasia: Intrathecal Injection, Captive Bolt, etc."	– Jon Higgins
12:00pm	Adjourn	

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“The mission of the Northeast Dairy Production Medicine Symposium is to contribute to the well-being of our dairy producers by providing a unique educational experience for dairy-oriented veterinarians and veterinary students. The object of this experience is to provide motivation, information, discernment, and support for the practice of dairy production medicine.”

Veterinary students are an integral part of the NEDPMS. The NEDPMS strongly urges the students to interact with the veterinarians attending the meeting during the various meeting breaks. Contacts made at past NEDPMS have led to long term relationships for those attending.

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Rob Lynch is the chairman of NEDPMS. The native NYer was twice rejected by Cornell so he went to RIT for his BS degree and got his DVM from Tufts. After several years in private practice in NE Pa and a stint as technical services vet for Zoetis, Cornell finally accepted him into the Pro Dairy program.

Kathleen Noble Wolfley grew up on a dairy farm in western NY and earned her BS from Cornell. She first worked as an economist for Leprino Foods before joining Ever.Ag a dozen years ago where she is now an agent/broker and market intelligence director.

Charlotte Lacroix holds BA and DVM degrees from California-Davis. After an internship at Guelph she entered equine practice in NJ for a few years. She continued to work part-time while attending law school at U Penn. Her legal practice focuses on the legal aspects of veterinary practice.

Julio Giordano has spent the last decade rising to the level of professor in the Cornell Animal Science dept. After receiving his DVM from Catholic University of Cordoba, Argentina he came to the US for graduate studies. He earned a MS from U of Tennessee-Knoxville prior to a PhD from U of Wisconsin-Madison.

Mary Lewis earned BA and MA degrees from Greenville University (Illinois). She is an extension associate at Cornell while also maintaining ownership of a couple small crop and livestock farming operations.

Rich Stup has been an academic senior extension associate at Cornell for the past several years. He received his BA, MS, and PhD from Penn State. His employment history includes time with Renaissance Nutrition, the Dairy Alliance, AgChoice Farm Credit, and is now the director of Cornell Agriculture Workforce Development.

Kaitlyn Lutz got her BS from the U of Delaware and VMD UPenn where she later completed a food animal residency. Her professional career has been mostly in Pa and NY, but includes a couple of years in New Zealand. She is presently an organization development specialist with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Drew Magstadt got his BS from North Dakota St and DVM from Iowa St. After 2 years practicing in rural Iowa he returned to Iowa St for an MS. He has remained there as a clinical associate professor in diagnostic lab..

Michelle Buckley recently joined QMPS overseeing the western lab. She earned her BA from Stevens Institute of Technology, MS from Montclair St, and DVM from Western U. After a few years of mixed practice in southern CA, she received a PhD from Iowa St and was a professor of practice at Texas Tech.

Paul Virkler got his BS and DVM degrees from Cornell. He was in dairy practice in Attica, NY before leaving to work for DeLaval. He returned to NY as a senior veterinary associate with the AHDC at Cornell followed by time at QMPS program Ithaca and Canton. He is now working for NYS Dept of Ag and Markets.

Chris Elliot has been an executive account manager with Ecolab for almost 3 decades. Before that he worked for Babson Brothers as their northeast sales manager. His academic career consists of a AAS degree from Genesee Community College.

David Renaud graduated with BS, DVM, and PhD from Guelph. He worked a few years in private practice before returning to academia 8 years ago.

Jon Higgins has owned his own practice in NJ and eastern PA since receiving his VMD degree from UPenn. Prior to that he got his BS at U of Vermont. The practice is entirely livestock based and consists of a large range in herd/flock sizes. He has emphasized reproductive services including embryo transfer.

Roger Saltman is the last remaining member of the 4 organizers of NEDPMS and has served as the only treasurer. His career includes a degree from Princeton followed by a DHI tester job. Upon getting a DVM from Cornell he practiced in central NY. He became a "big shot" with Zoetis after switching to industry employment.