



## 2023 Dairy Judges Conference

Held by the MN Purebred Dairy Cattle Association

**Date: May 20, 2023**

**Site: Do-N-Joy Genetics, Tony & Katherine Kohls  
40917 296<sup>th</sup> Street  
Arlington, MN 55307**

**Registration fee is \$25.00 (Check or money order payable to MN PDCA)**

*Please include with registration. Fees include all materials and meals.*

*Participants that finish the complete conference will be include on the 2023 MN PDCA Dairy Cattle Approved Judges List which will be located at the MN Livestock Breeders Assn website <https://mnlivestockbreeders.org/judges-conference/>.*

*Mail registration form and payment to:*

*MN PDCA, Paul Fritsche Pres, 25733 County Rd 12, New Ulm, MN 56073*

*Questions call 507-279-6810 or email [pfritsche@newulmtel.net](mailto:pfritsche@newulmtel.net)*

***Please submit your registration form by May 1<sup>st</sup> to assist in preparing materials and meals.***

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please include street address, city, state, zip code*

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**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Shows you prefer to do:**

**Open (All-Breeds)** \_\_\_\_\_

**or Open specific breeds** \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Show** \_\_\_\_\_ **Specialize in Showmanship** \_\_\_\_\_

## **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:**

**9:30 am**            **Registration** - doughnuts, coffee, milk & water available

**10:00 am**            **Classroom session** – Instructor Ted Halbach,  
Dairy Management Faculty associate, UW- Madison

Ted Halbach has judged numerous shows at all levels along with serving as the Dairy Evaluation Instructor and Team Coach for UW-Madison. Internationally judging assignments have taken him to Brazil, Puerto Rico, and Ecuador. He served on type committees for Holstein USA and the Brown Swiss Breeders Assn. Halbach also chaired the PDCA committee charged with revising the Dairy Cow Unified Score Card and the Showmanship Evaluation Card. Prior to joining the faculty at UW-Madison, Halbach owned and co-managed Marana Dairy Farms, AZ, which was a herd of Holsteins and Brown Swiss that garnered Premier Breeder banners at 5 Western National shows along with many All-American nominations in both breeds.

**NOON**                **Lunch**

**1:00 pm**            **Show Judging Workshop Session/ & Showmanship Session**  
Instructors

- Tom Foss, Sire Evaluator/Sales Rep for ABS Global partner in Pit-Crew Genetics
- David Hanson, partner Good-Vue Ayrshires and D-N-A Cattle

Tom Foss grew up on his family's farm where they had Milking Shorthorns. He attended the UM-Twin Cities where he was on the college dairy judging team. Currently he works as for ABS Global where his duties included Sire Evaluator. In 2005, he and his partners purchased their first Brown Swiss cow and have gone on to develop Pit-Crew Genetics in to a dominate force in the Brown Swiss breed. As a judge, Foss has served as official in the Open Class, 4-H & FFA shows at the MN State Fair, South Dakota State Fair, and numerous other States. He has also served as official for the NAILE Milking Shorthorn Open Show and was the associated Judge for the 2015 World Dairy Expo International Brown Swiss Show.

David Hanson grew up at Good-Vue Ayrshire farm where he is still involved with his family's herd. He graduated from the UM-Twin Cities with a degree in Animal Science and a minor in Applied Economics. While in college he was also a member of the Dairy Judging Team. David and his wife Ashley live and work in Nicollet, MN on her family's operation which consists of Holsteins, Ayrshires and Brown Swiss. Between them they have exhibited many All-Americans in the Brown Swiss and Ayrshire breeds. In 2021 Hanson served as official for the NAILE Open Ayrshire Show. He has also judged many local, state and national shows.