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NEAFA Welcomes Dr. Joe McFadden To Cornell's Department of Animal Science



The Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance welcomes Dr. Joe McFadden to Cornell University as the NEAFA Partners Sesquicentennial Faculty Fellow Assistant Professor in Dairy Cattle Biology. This position has been made available thanks to funding from 47 generous agribusiness companies and leadership by the Alliance.

In 2014 the Alliance launched a campaign to raise support the creation of a new faculty position at Cornell with a \$40,000 pledge and tapped Dr. Charlie Sniffen and Mr. John Mitchell to lead the fundraising effort. Forty-seven businesses and individuals representing the entire northeast feed industry quickly donated over one million dollars, sufficient funds to seed two faculty positions (the hiring process is underway for the second position).

Alliance President Andy Dugan remarked "The feed industry recognizes the need to support research to advance our knowledge of dairy nutrition and health." He went on to comment that research conducted at Cornell University supports the dairy industry throughout the United States.

Dr. McFadden commented "With my position, my team will actively utilize 'big data' technologies to help us better understand dairy cattle nutrition and metabolism. This industry sponsored position serves as a reminder that the development of practical dairy management applications to improve cow health and performance must occur in parallel with discovery. To achieve this goal, I look forward to working with the Cornell University animal science faculty and the northeast dairy industry."

Dr. McFadden is a New York native with a B.S. from Cornell University, conducting undergraduate honors research under Dr. Dale Bauman, with an M.S. from the University of Illinois, and a Ph.D. from Virginia Tech. After a Postdoctoral Fellowship and position as a Visiting Scientist at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Dr. McFadden was hired as an Assistant Professor of Biochemistry at West Virginia University.

The Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance is a 300 member network committed to supporting a thriving northeast agricultural community through advocacy, education and collaboration. Members of the Alliance include feed, seed, fertilizer companies, financial service providers, transportation companies, veterinarians, nutritional services providers, and professional advisors.

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