

IMHA 2012 Annual Conference

Speaker Summary

This year's speakers have a plethora of knowledge in the dairy and/or transportation industry. Below is a summary of our outstanding guest speakers.

- **Peggy Gates**, *Agriculture Manager*, [Georgia Department of Ag](#), Atlanta, GA.
Peggy is in charge of the Dairy division of Consumer Protection in Georgia and her office is set to enforce federally mandated programs of inspection and sampling of dairy farms and dairy processing plants. This includes out of state milk products shipped to Georgia along with supporting segments of the industry, such as; tankers, route trucks and warehouses. Peggy is active in the NCIMS.
- **Chris Thompson**, *Associate M.A.*, [Milk Marketing Administrator's Office](#), Lawrenceville, GA
On October 11, Chris Thompson became the Associate Market Administrator of Marketing Services for the Southeast and Florida Orders. Chris is a Kentucky native who previously worked at the University of Kentucky, Division of Regulatory Services. In his 21 years at the university, Chris served in various roles including leading the Division's Milk Regulatory Program where he managed a dairy laboratory and had oversight of dairy field programs. Chris is an advisor on the IMHA Board of Directors.
- **Jon Samson**, *Executive Director*, [Ag and Food Transporters Conference of ATA](#), Washington, DC.
Jon has taken over for Russell Laird who previously attended three of our conference and gave legislative/regulatory updates for transportation. AFTC works to ensure that its members operate in a strong and profitable business environment by helping shape legislation and regulations that impact the agricultural and food transportation industry.
- **Dusty Wright**, *Lubrication Specialist*, [Schaeffer Oil](#), St. Louis, MO
Dusty currently services a wide range of customers including: manufacturing; trucking; farming; bulk fuel & lubricant distributors; government entities; oil and natural gas exploration and production and racing. He has earned his Certified Lubrication Specialist, STLE 2007.
- **Gabe Miller**, *Sr. Technical Engineer*, [Sanimatic](#), Madison, WI
Gabe has been developing and implementing cleaning and sanitizing equipment in the Food, Beverage, and Pharmaceutical industries for 23 years, following 12 years in the Pharmaceutical Industry as a Pharmaceutical / Sr. Technical Engineer. He has developed and launched a new drop-in spray assembly for tankers, based on the study done by Paul Winniczuk, University of FL. Paul spoke and presented at a previous IMHA Convention on the study they were doing for a spray assembly.

- **Tim Shick**, *VP North American Engine Sales*, [Navistar International](#), Lisle, IL

Tim works for Navistar International and has been quoted on the benefits of MaxxForce Engines. On the Navistar website Tim states, “Our customers are finding MaxxForce Big Bore engines provide the best fuel economy and power characteristics in the industry. MaxxForce engines operate a little differently than older less advanced engines so driving techniques are critical.” Tim will be discussing the benefits of their engines in your trucks.

- **Todd Phelan**, *President*, [Phelan Insurance Company](#), Versailles, OH

Todd W. Phelan is Vice President of Phelan Insurance Agency, Inc. He has been with the agency since 1993 and specializes in insurance and risk management. Todd provides a formal Risk Management Plan™ to help his clients improve their operations which ultimately increases their profits. Todd believes in meeting with every insured several times per year to review their industry, in addition to reviewing the insurance industry. By focusing on both, he truly understands his clients’ needs which enable him to lower their total potential for a loss, not just a lower insurance premium. Knowing he helped them as he promised is what he enjoys the most when dealing with his clients.

- **LeRoy Finn**, *Research Development*, US FIP – The American Flexible Impeller Pump, Kenosha, WI