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Brian King Centre, Warman, SK

9:15 Registration and Coffee
9:45 Welcome and opening comments by Mel Foth, Chair of the Board, SaskMilk

Dairy Advisory Board and Rayner Dairy Research and Teaching Facility

9:50 Report from Dairy Advisory Board - Jack Ford
9:55 Report on Rayner operations – Andrew Van Kessel, Head Animal and Poultry Science

Barley Silage

10:00 Results of a field survey on the effects of barley variety on silage quality and NDF digestibility - Jayakrishnan Nair / John McKinnon
10:15 What is the right stage of cutting for different barley cultivars with respect to nutrient quality and fiber digestibility? Jayakrishnan Nair / John McKinnon
10:35 How to determine the stage of maturity of barley for silage cutting - Leland Fuhr

Feeding and Management

10:45 Evaluation of a new fibrolytic enzyme in the TMR on dairy cow performance – Basim Refat
11:05 The use of canola meal in dairy calf starters – Katarzyna Burakowska
11:20 Development of blend pellet products for dairy cattle – Victor Guevara
11:35 Effect of oat type (feed-type vs. milling type) and processing method on true nutrient supply to dairy cattle – Luciana Prates
11:50 Concerns in The Netherlands about negative effects from feeding palmitic acid on milk quality for cheese making – B. Laarveld / David Christensen

12:05 – 1:15 Lunch provided by SaskMilk

1:15 What does Cost of Production analysis tell us about the opportunity for cost reduction? David Christensen
1:30 Robot feeding management – Keshia Paddick / Silvia Menajovsky
1:45 Refresher on photoperiod management of dairy cows and heifers – B. Laarveld

Short Topics

2:00 Dry cow treatment – Chris Luby
2:10 Monitoring TMR particle size – Tim Mutsvangwa

2:20 **General Discussion and Questions**
2:35 **Closing comments -** Jack Ford