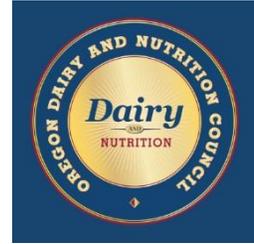


NEWS RELEASE



For Immediate Release – October 31, 2017

Contact: Josh Thomas, Senior Director of Communications

971-673-2730, jthomas@odncouncil.org

Stacy Foster Selected to Manage Oregon Dairy Industry Relations

With more than a decade of experience leading farm tours for thousands of students, teachers and parents at a nationally recognized Oregon dairy, Stacy Foster knows a thing or two about dairy farming. That background will serve her well as the new Industry Relations and Communications Manager for the Oregon Dairy and Nutrition Council.

In this position, Foster will serve as the primary liaison with Oregon's dairy industry and affiliated agricultural organizations. Working with Oregon's dairy farm families, industry leaders and others, she will promote the growth and advancement of the dairy industry in the state and surrounding region. Foster succeeds Melinda Petersen, who joined Dairy West in Meridian, Idaho, as Producer and Community Relations Manager.

Foster was selected through a competitive recruitment process. In addition to possessing a strong dairy background, she has a degree in communications from Corban University and is an experienced homeschool instructor. She created the tour program for Rickreall Dairy from the ground up and recently began offering fall tours in addition to her spring visits.

"After leading farm tours for the past 10 years, I have discovered a passion for Oregon's dairy industry and the families that make this community thrive," said Foster. "I look forward to working together to continue building on positive messages about dairy farming and its products."

Foster was recently honored by the Oregon Department of Agriculture as a recipient of the Farm to School Award. The award recognizes individuals and organizations that go 'above and beyond to strengthen the relationship between kids, schools and food that's being locally produced.' Amy Gilroy, Farm to School Manager, presented the award to Foster on the steps of the Oregon State Capitol at a public event called Oregon's Bounty in October. Earlier this year, Rickreall Dairy also won the U.S. Dairy Sustainability Award.

"We are very excited to have Stacy working for dairy in Oregon," said Pete Kent, Executive Director for the Oregon Dairy and Nutrition Council. "She brings a strong skillset to the table and possesses a vision and commitment to serve Oregon's dairy farm families."

###