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Improving dairy farm management by providing scientific decision support tools

### **Biography**

Dr. Cabrera combines applied research, interdisciplinary approaches, and participatory methods to deliver practical, user-friendly, and scholarly decision support tools for dairy farm management. These scientific tools are improving dairy farm profitability, environmental stewardship, and long-term sustainability of the dairy farm industry. Dr. Cabrera's research and Extension programs are having a global impact. Dr. Cabrera and his workgroup had developed 49 decision support tools, published 56 refereed articles, and 8 book chapters. Dr. Cabrera has presented in more than 88 scientific sessions, and given extension talks in more than 384 extension meetings in Wisconsin, other States, and several other countries. Dr. Cabrera work in the past 9 years has been pivotal to attract more than \$4.0 million to support his research and extension initiatives. Dr. Cabrera has been distinguished with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Vilas Faculty Mid-Career Investigator Award, Second Mile Extension award of the Wisconsin Association of County Agricultural Agents, the Pound Extension Award and the Alfred Toepfer Faculty Fellow Award from the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the Distinguished Achievement Award from the University of Florida School of Natural Resources and Environment, and the Foundation Scholar Award in Dairy Production from the American Dairy Science Association.

### **Professional experience**

2018 - present	Professor
	Extension Specialist in Dairy Management
	Department of Dairy Science
	University of Wisconsin-Madison
	30% Research, 70% Extension
2014 – 2017	Associate Professor
	Extension Specialist in Dairy Management
	Department of Dairy Science
	University of Wisconsin-Madison
	30% Research, 70% Extension

2008 – 2013	Assistant Professor
	Extension Specialist in Dairy Management
	Department of Dairy Science
	University of Wisconsin-Madison
	30% Research, 70% Extension
2006 – 2008	Assistant Professor
	Extension Specialist in Dairy Management
	Department of Extension Animal Sciences and Natural Resources
	New Mexico State University
	25% Research, 75% Extension
1999 – 2001	Extension Program Planner
	Inter-American Development Bank, Peru
1994 – 1997	Agricultural Educator and Extension Agent
	Valle Grande Rural Institute, Peru

# **Academic Education**

2004 – 2006	Postdoctoral Research Associate
	Farm risk decision-making
	University of Miami
2001 – 2004	Ph.D.
	Ecology and Economics
	University of Florida
1997 – 1999	M.S.
	Farming Systems Research and Extension
	University of Florida
1995	Diploma
	Management of Agricultural Schools
	UNEFA, Madrid-Paris
1993	Engineer
	Agricultural Production
	La Molina Agrarian University, Peru
1988 – 1991	B.S.
	Sciences – Agronomy
	La Molina Agrarian University, Peru

# **Honors and Awards**

2016	Vilas Faculty Mid-Career Investigator Award	
	University of Wisconsin-Madison	
2013	Second Mile Award	
	Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Agents	
2012	Pound Extension Award	
	College of Agricultural and Life Sciences	
	University of Wisconsin-Madison	

2012	Distinguished Achievement
	School of Natural Resources and Environment
	University of Florida
2011	Foundation Scholar Award in Dairy Production
	American Dairy Science Association
2011	Alfred Toepfer Faculty Fellow Award
	University of Wisconsin-Madison
1998 – 1999,	Outstanding International Student
2001 – 2004	University of Florida
2002	Outstanding Contributions to Farming Systems in Nicaragua
	Agricultural Development Foundation, Nicaragua
1999	Honor and Membership
	The Fraternity of Alfa Zeta
1999	Achievement and Membership
	The Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma, Sigma, Delta

### **Refereed Journal Articles (56)**

- 1. \* \*Cabrera, V. E. 2017. Helping dairy farmers to improve economic performance utilizing data-driving decision support tools. Animal 12(1):134-144.
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- 3. <sup>†</sup>Liang, D. F. Sun, M. A. Wattiaux, **V. E. Cabrera**, J. L. Hedtcke, and E. M. Silva. 2017. Effect of feeding strategies and cropping systems on greenhouse gas emission from Wisconsin certified organic dairy farms. Journal of Dairy Science 100:5957-5973.
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- 7. Batista, E. O. S., L. M. Vieira, M. F. Sá Filho, P. D. Carvalho, H. Rivera, V. E. Cabrera, M. C. Wiltbank, P. S. Baruselli, and A. H. Souza. 2016. Field fertility in Holstein bulls: Can type of breeding strategy (artificial insemination following estrus versus timed artificial insemination) alter service sire fertility? Journal of Dairy Science 99:2010-2015.
- Kalantari A. S., L. E. Armentano, R. D. Shaver, and V. E. Cabrera. 2016. Economic impact of nutritional grouping in dairy herds. Journal of Dairy Science 99:1672-1692.
- 9. <sup>‡</sup>Cabrera, V. E., and A. S. Kalantari. 2016. Economics of production efficiency: Nutritional grouping. Journal of Dairy Science 99:825–841.

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- 11. Mahnani, A., A. Sadeghi-Sefidmazgi, and **V. E. Cabrera**. 2015. Consequences and economics of metritis in Iranian Holstein dairy farms. Journal of Dairy Science 98:6048-6057.
- 12. Shahinfar, S., J. N. Guenther, D. Page, A. Samia-Kalantari, V. E. Cabrera. P. M. Fricke, and K. A. Weigel. 2015. Optimization of reproductive management programs using lift chart analysis and cost sensitive evaluation of classification errors. Journal of Dairy Science 98:3717-3728.
- 13. <sup>†</sup>Liang, D., and **V. E. Cabrera**. 2015. Optimizing productivity, herd structure, environmental performance, and profitability of dairy cattle herds. Journal of Dairy Science 98:2812-2823.
- 14. Kalantari, A. S., **V. E. Cabrera**. 2015. Stochastic economic evaluation of dairy farm reproductive performance. Canadian Journal of Animal Science 95:59-70.
- 15. Contreras-Govea, F. E., **V. E. Cabrera**, L. E. Armentano, R. D. Shaver, P. M. Crump, D. K. Beede, and M. J. VandeHaar. 2015. Constraints for nutritional grouping in Wisconsin and Michigan dairy farms. Journal of Dairy Science 98:1336-1344.
- Aguirre-Villegas, H. A., T. H. Passos-Fonseca, D. J. Reinemann, L. E. Armentano, M. A. Wattiaux, V. E. Cabrera, J. M. Norman, and R. Larson. 2015. Green cheese: Partial life cycle assessment of greenhouse gas emissions and energy intensity of integrated dairy and bioenergy systems. Journal of Dairy Science 98:1571-1592.
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- 20. Hardie, C., M. Wattiaux, M. Dutreuil, R. Gildersleeve, N. Keuler, and **V. E. Cabrera.** 2014. Feeding strategies on certified organic dairy farms in Wisconsin and their impact on milk production and income over feed costs. Journal of Dairy Science 97:4612-4623.
- 21. <sup>‡</sup>Cabrera, V. E. 2014. Economics of fertility in high-yielding dairy cows on confined TMR systems. Animal 8:211-221.
- 22. Krpalkova, L, **V. E. Cabrera**, M. Vacek, M. Stipkova, L. Stadnik, and P. Crump. 2014. Impact of prepubertal and postpubertal growth and age at first calving on

- production and reproduction traits during the first 3 lactations in Holstein dairy cattle. Journal of Dairy Science 97:3017-3027.
- 23. Shahinfar, S, A. Kalantari, **V. E. Cabrera**, K. Weigel. 2014. Short communication: Prediction of retention pay-off using a Machine Learning algorithm. Journal of Dairy Science 97:2949-2952.
- 24. Shahinfar, S. D. Page, J. Guenther, **V. E. Cabrera**, P. Fricke, and K. Weigel. 2014. Prediction of insemination outcomes in Holstein dairy cattle using alternative machine learning algorithms. Journal of Dairy Science 97:1-12.
- 25. Giordano, J. O., P. M. Fricke, and **V. E. Cabrera**. 2013. Economics of resynchronization strategies including chemical tests to identify non-pregnant cows. Journal of Dairy Science 96:949-961.
- 26. Kalantari, A. S., **V. E. Cabrera**. 2012. The effect of reproductive performance on the dairy cattle herd value assessed by integrating a daily dynamic programming with a daily Markov chain model. Journal of Dairy Science 95:6160-6170.
- 27. Giordano, J. O., A. Kalantari, P. M. Fricke, M. C. Wiltbank, and **V. E. Cabrera**. 2012. A Daily herd Markov-chain model to study the reproductive and economic impact of reproductive programs combining timed artificial insemination and estrous detection. Journal of Dairy Science 95:5442-5460.
- 28. **Cabrera**, **V. E.** 2012. A simple formulation and solution to the replacement problem: A practical tool to assess the economic cow value, the value of a new pregnancy, and the cost of a pregnancy loss. Journal of Dairy Science 95:4683-4698.
- 29. Giordano, J. O., P. M. Fricke, M. C. Wiltbank, and **V. E. Cabrera**. 2011. An economic decision-making decision support system for selection of reproductive management programs on dairy farms. Journal of Dairy Science 94:6216-6232.
- 30. Valvekar, M., J. P. Chavas, B. W. Gould, and **V. E. Cabrera**. 2011. Revenue risk management, risk aversion and the use of LGM-Dairy insurance. Agricultural Systems 104:671-678.
- 31. **Cabrera, V.E.**, Janowski, J.M. 2011. Wisconsin dairy business and production survey: Comparison between farms planning to expand and farms not planning to expand. Journal of Extension 3RIB1.
- 32. Pinzón-Sánchez, C., **V. E. Cabrera**, and P. L. Ruegg. 2011. Decision tree analysis of treatment strategies for mild and moderate cases of clinical mastitis. Journal of Dairy Science 94:1873-1892.
- 33. Chidmi, B., D. Solís and V. E. Cabrera. 2011. Analyzing the sources of technical efficiency among heterogeneous dairy farms: A quantile regression approach. Journal of Development and Agricultural Economics 3(7):318-324.
- 34. **Cabrera, V. E.** 2010. A large Markovian linear program for replacement policies to optimize dairy herd net income for diets and nitrogen excretion. Journal of Dairy Science 93:394-406.
- 35. Valvekar, M., V. E. Cabrera, and B. W. Gould. 2010. Identifying cost-minimizing strategies for guaranteeing target dairy income over feed cost via use of the

- Livestock Gross Margin dairy insurance program. Journal of Dairy Science 93:3350-3357.
- 36. **Cabrera**, **V. E.**, D. Solis, and J. del Corral. 2010. Determinants of technical efficiency among dairy farms in Wisconsin. Journal of Dairy Science 93:387-393.
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- 38. Breuer, N. E., C. W. Fraisse, and **V. E. Cabrera**. 2010. The Cooperative Extension Service as a boundary organization for diffusion of climate forecast: A 5-year study. Journal of Extension 4RIB7.
- 39. **Cabrera, V.E.**, D. Solis, and D. Letson. 2009. Optimal crop insurance under climate variability: contrasting insurer and farmer interests. Transactions of the ASABE 52, 623-631.
- 40. **Cabrera, V.E.**, L. J. Stavast, T. T. Baker, M. K. Wood, D. S. Cram, R. P. Flynn, and A. L. Ulery. 2009. Soil and runoff response to dairy manure application on rangeland. Agriculture, Ecology, and Environment 131:255-262.
- 41. AitSahlia, F., C. Wang, **V. E. Cabrera,** S. Uryasev, and C. W. Fraisse. 2009. Optimal crop planting schedules and financial hedging strategies. Annals of Operations Research DOI: 10.1007/s10479-009-0551-2.
- 42. Liu, J., C. Men, **V. E. Cabrera**, S. Uryasev, and C. W. Fraisse. 2008. Optimizing crop insurance under climate variability. Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology 47:2572-2580.
- 43. **Cabrera, V. E.**, R. Hagevoort, D. Solis, R. Kirksey, and J. A. Diemer. 2008. Economic impact of milk production in the State of New Mexico. Journal of Dairy Science 91:2144-2150.
- 44. **Cabrera, V. E.**, C. P. Mathis, R. Kirksey, and T. T. Baker. 2008. Development of a seasonal prediction model for manure excretion by dairy cattle. The Professional Animal Scientist 24:175-183.
- 45. Fraisse, C. W., **V. E. Cabrera**, N. E. Breuer, J. Baez, J. Quispe, E. Matos. 2008. El Niño Southern Oscillation Influences on Soybean Yields in Eastern Paraguay. International Journal of Climatology 28:1339-1407.
- 46. **Cabrera, V. E.**, N. E. Breuer, and P. E. Hildebrand. 2008. Participatory modeling in dairy farm systems: a method for building consensual environmental sustainability using seasonal climate forecasts. Climatic Change 89:395-409.
- 47. Breuer, N. E., **V. E. Cabrera**, K. T. Ingram, K. Broad, and P. E. Hildebrand. 2008. AgClimate: A case study in participatory decision support system development. Climatic Change 87:385-403.
- 48. **Cabrera, V. E.**, S. Jagtap, and P. E. Hildebrand. 2007. Strategies to limit (minimize) nitrogen leaching on dairy farms driven by seasonal climate forecasts. Agriculture, Ecosystems, and Environment 122:479-489.

- 49. **Cabrera**, **V. E.**, D. Letson, and G. Podesta. 2007. The value of the climate information when Farm Programs matter. Agricultural Systems 93:25-42.
- 50. **Cabrera, V. E.**, A. de Vries., and P. E. Hildebrand. 2006. Manure nitrogen production in North Florida dairy farms: A comparison of three models. Journal of Dairy Science 89:1830-1841.
- Cabrera, V. E., N. E. Breuer, and P. E. Hildebrand. 2006. North Florida dairy farmer perception toward the use of seasonal climate forecast technology. Climatic Change 78:479-491.
- 52. **Cabrera, V. E.**, C. Fraisse, D. Letson, G. Podesta, and J. Novak. 2006. Impact of climate information in reducing farm risk by selecting crop insurance programs. Transactions of the ASABE 49:1223-1233.
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- 55. **Cabrera, V. E.**, N. E. Breuer, P. E. Hildebrand, and D. Letson. 2005. The dynamic north-Florida dairy farm model: a user-friendly computerized tool for increasing profits while minimizing environmental impacts. Computers and Electronics in Agriculture 49:286-308.
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- 2. Liang, D., and **V. E. Cabrera.** 2017. Dairy Farm Management Strategies to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Mitigation Strategies and Economic Considerations in the US. in: Agricultural Research Updates. Volume 20. Nova Science Publishers.
- 3. Krpálková, L., V. E. Cabrera, J. Kvapilik, J. Burdych, M. Štipková, P. Crump, L. Stádnik, and M. Vacek. 2014. Optimal growth of heifers and effect of milk yield level on dairy herd production, reproduction, and profitability. LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing, Saarbrücken, Deutschland, Germany.
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- Cabrera, V. E., P. E. Hildebrand. 2012. Chapter 7th: Linear programming for dairy herd simulation and optimization: An integrated approach for decision-making. IN Linear programming - New frontiers in theory and applications. Zoltan, A. M. (Ed.), Nova Science Publishers, Inc., Hauppauge, NY.
- Cabrera, V. E., D. Solís, G. A. Baigorria, and D. Letson. 2009. Chapter 7th: Managing climate variability in agricultural analysis. IN: Long, J.A., and D. S. Wells (Eds), Ocean circulation and El Niño: New research, p. 163-179, Nova Science Publishers, Inc., Hauppauge, NY.
- Hoogenboom, G., C. W. Fraisse, J. W. Jones, K. T. Ingram, J. J. O'Brien, J. G. Bellow, D. Zierden, D. E. Stooksbury, J. O. Paz, A. Garcia y Garcia, L. C. Guerra, D. Letson, N. E. Breuer, V. E. Cabrera, L. U. Hatch, and C. Roncoli. 2007. Climate-based agricultural risk management tools for Florida, Georgia and Alabama, USA. In: Sivakumar, M. V. K. and J. Hansen (Eds.), Climate Prediction and Agriculture: Advances and Challenges, p. 273-278, Springer, Berlin.
- 8. Langeveld, J.W.A., A. Crawford, M. Paine, S. Pinheiro, W. de Boef, I. S. Kristensen, J. Hermansen, B. Dedieu, P. E. Hildebrand, V. E. Cabrera, D. Jansen, and J. Dixon. 2006. Project setup and learning processes in participative systems oriented research initiatives. In: Langeveld, H., N. Roling (Eds), Changing European farming systems for a better future. New visions for rural areas. p. 89-91, Wageningen Academic Publishers, Wageningen.

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- 1. Cabrera, V. E. Bulk tank SCC and milk value.
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- 3. Gaspar, N., and **V. E. Cabrera.** Economic evaluation of CholiPEARL use on preventing subclinical Ketosis.
- Cabrera, V. E. Characteristics of organic, grazing, and conventional dairy farms in the state of Wisconsin.
- 5. **Cabrera, V. E.**, and K. A. Weigel. Integrated genomic testing for Jersey heifer calf decision support tool.
- 6. Cabrera, V. E., and G. Lopes. Premium on beef dairy program.
- 7. Shahinfar, S., A. Kalantari, **V. E. Cabrera**, and K. A. Weigel. Retention Pay-Off (RPO) calculator.
- 8. **Cabrera**, **V. E.** Nutritional grouping in Wisconsin and Michigan dairy farms.
- 9. Cabrera, V. E. The economic value of a dairy cow.
- 10. Cabrera, V. E., L. Armentano, and R. D. Shaver. FeedVal v6.0.
- Cabrera, V. E., and J. O. Giordano. UW-CornellDairyRepro\$Plus: A reproductive analysis tool that includes heat detection devices.

- 12. Cabrera, V. E. Dairy reproductive economic analysis.
- 13. Gould, B. W. and V. E. Cabrera. Livestock Gross Margin-Dairy analyzer.
- 14. **Cabrera**, **V. E**. Grouping strategies for feeding lactating dairy cattle.
- 15. Cabrera, V. E. Exploring timing of pregnancy impact on income over feed cost.
- 16. Cabrera, V. E., and A. S. Kalantari. Milk curve fitter.
- 17. **Cabrera, V. E.**, and P. Meyer. Projecting dairy herd size and make-up using the herd structure and simulation model.
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- 24. Cabrera, V. E. Optigen evaluator.
- 25. Cabrera, V. E., and B. W. Gould. Estimating your mailbox milk price.
- 26. Cabrera, V. E. Milk component price analysis.
- 27. Cabrera, V. E. Economic analysis of 3X milking.
- 28. Valvekar, M., **V. E. Cabrera**, M. Wattiaux, and B. W. Gould. Livestock Gross Margin-Dairy feed equivalent calculator.
- 29. Cabrera, V. E. Dairy ration feed additive break-even analysis.
- 30. Cabrera, V. E., K. Bolton, and R. D. Shaver. Income over feed cost.
- 31. **Cabrera**, **V. E.**, K. Bolton, and P. Hoffman. Cost-benefit of accelerated feeding program for dairy heifers.
- 32. **Cabrera, V. E**. Livestock Gross Margin-Dairy optimum coverage.
- 33. Cabrera, V. E. Economic evaluation of using rbST.
- 34. Cabrera, V. E., and B. W. Gould. Livestock Gross Margin-Dairy premium sensitivity.
- 35. **Cabrera, V. E**. Economic value of sexed semen programs.
- 36. Cabrera, V. E. Income over feed supplement cost.
- 37. Cabrera, V. E. Return to labor.
- 38. Cabrera, V. E. Heifer replacement.
- 39. Cabrera, V. E. Income over feed cost.
- 40. Cabrera, V. E. Heifer break-even.
- 41. **Cabrera**, **V. E.** Livestock Gross Margin-Dairy premium calculator.
- 42. Cabrera, V. E. Corn feeding strategies
- 43. Cabrera, V. E. Lactation benchmark curves.

- 44. Cabrera, V. E. Value of a springer.
- 45. Cabrera, V. E. Dairy farm nutrient manager.
- 46. Cabrera, V. E. Alfalfa yield predictor.
- 47. **Cabrera**, **V. E**. Grazing-N: application that balances nitrogen in grazing systems.
- 48. Cabrera, V. E. Seasonal prediction model of manure excretion.
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#### **Invited Research Presentations (10)**

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- 3. **Cabrera, V. E.** 2014. Impact of decision support tools available for dairy farm management. American Dairy Science Association Annual Meeting. Kansas City, MO. 23 July 2014.
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- Cabrera, V. E. 2011. The need for applied research and decision support tools in dairy farm management and decision-making. 2011 American Dairy Science Association Foundation Lecture. New Orleans, LO. 12 July 2011.
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- 2. Santana, R. A. V., A. F. Brito, **V. E. Cabrera**, F. A. Barbosa, A. K. Hoshide, A. F. Benson, A. N. Hafla, H. M. Darby, K. J. Soder, R. Kersbergen. 2017. Economic and environmental performance of traditional and grass-fed organic dairies using the Integrated Farm System Model. Journal of Dairy Science 100 (Suppl. 2): 329.
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- 8. Liang, D., T. F. Rutherford, and **V. E. Cabrera**. 2015. Optimal dairy farm management subject to greenhouse gas emissions constraints. Journal of Dairy Science 98 (Suppl. 2): 406.
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#### **Extension Presentations**

Year	Number Presentations/Sessions <sup>1</sup>	Number Attendees
Before 2013	301	15,500
2014	23	2,124
2015	17	1,060
2016	20	1,725
2017	24	3,861
Total	385	24,050

<sup>1</sup>Country (times): Argentina (6), Belgium (1), Brazil (2), Canada (2), Chile (2), China (7), Costa Rica (2); Czech Republic (2), Germany (2), Honduras (2), Italy (4), Ireland (1), Mexico (5), North Cyprus (1), Panama (1), Peru (5), Poland (1), Slovakia (2), Spain (10), Turkey (4), Uruguay (1), United Kingdom (1).

#### Abbreviation key for attendees

F = Farmers

C = Farm consultants, veterinarians, nutritionists, reproductive specialists, etc.

E = Extension faculty, county extension agents, etc.

A = Academia, students, instructors

G = Government functionaries (USDA, Department of Agriculture, etc.)

I = Allied industry representatives

N = Insurance agents

L = Lenders, bank representatives, financial specialists

	Date	Title, event, location	Attendance
	2017		
1.	12/19	Decision support tools for dairy farm decision-	A, E
		making. ILVO-Flanders Research Institute. Ghent, Belgium	18
2.	12/5	Decision-making in dairy farm management. Zhejiang	A, E
		Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Hangzhou, China	20
3.	11/30	Cost benefits of new technologies. Phibro Technical	C, I, E
		Seminar. Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.	100
4.	11/09	Breeding decision dilemma: What type of semen	C, I, A
		<b>should I use?</b> Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council Annual Convention. Reno, NV.	100
5.	11/08	Capitalizing on improved fertility: What are my	C, I, A
		options? Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council Annual Convention. Reno, NV. Preconference seminar	300

6. 10/30- 11/03	International Course Nestle Dairy Farming Institute – Level 3 – <b>Dairy farm economic decision making</b> . Harbin, China.	F, E, G <b>50</b>
7. 10/14	Economics of dairy cattle improved fertility programs. VI National and I International Congress of Turkish Society of Veterinary Gynecology. Marmaris, Turkey	C, I, F <b>300</b>
8. 09/21- 22	Workshop: <b>Aspectos críticos para maximizar la rentabilidad de ganaderías lecheras</b> . General Pico, Argentina.	C <b>30</b>
9. 09/18	Workshop: <b>Aspectos críticos para maximizar la rentabilidad de ganaderías lecheras</b> . Villa Maria, Argentina.	A, I, C, F <b>70</b>
10. 09/13	Strategic management options to maximize dairy farm profitability. Strategic Account Management Program. Kusadasi, Turkey.	I, C, F <b>60</b>
11. 09/13	<b>Economic impacts of mastitis.</b> Strategic Account Management Program. Kusadasi, Turkey.	I, C, F <b>60</b>
12. 08/7-1	International Graduate Study Course Nestle Dairy Farming Institute – Level 4. <b>Advanced Dairy Herd Management</b> . Harbin, China.	A, C <b>18</b>
13. 08/01	Herramientas de soporte para la toma de decisiones prácticas en el manejo de la ganadería lechera. XL Reunión Científica Anual, Asociación Peruana de Producción Animal. Universidad Nacional Toribio Rodríguez de Mendoza, Chachapoyas, Peru.	A, C, I, F <b>400</b>
14. 07/18	<b>Nutritional considerations in robotic herds.</b> Dairy Robotics Workshop. University of Nebraska Extension. Plainview, NE.	F, C, I <b>120</b>
15. 06/30	Aspectos críticos para maximizar la rentabilidad de ganaderías lecheras. Congreso CEBS, Tilajari San Carlos, Costa Rica.	C, I <b>500</b>
16. 06/14	Feeding strategies and economic returns in robotic milking systems. Four-State Dairy Nutrition and Management Conference. Dubuque, IA.	C, I, A, E <b>300</b>

17. 05/24	<b>Economics of nutritional grouping.</b> Lely North America FMS Conference. Fair Oaks Farms, IN.	C, I, E, A <b>300</b>
18. 04/10	Critical aspects to improve dairy farm feed efficiency. Parnell meeting. Kansas City, MO.	l 15
19. 03/30	Kde sú ešte možnosti redukcie nákladov na farmách dojníc? AgroBiznis 2017. Nitra, Slovakia	C, I, F, E, A <b>300</b>
20. 03/28	<b>Ekonomická hodnota dojnice.</b> Meeting of the Holstein Association of Slovakia. Nitra, Slovakia	C, I, F, E <b>200</b>
21. 02/10	Reproductive economic management: tools and concepts. Cremona, Italy	C, I <b>100</b>
22. 02/09	Il valore economico di una bovina da latte e le sue enormi implicazioni. Cirio Agricola Dairy Meeting, Caserta, Italy.	C, I, F <b>250</b>
23. 02/08	Gestione di opportunità strategiche per massimizzare il profitto di un allevamento da latte. Cirio Agricola Dairy Meeting, Caserta, Italy.	C, I, F <b>300</b>
	Dany Weeting, Gaseria, Italy.	
24. 02/08	Strategie di alimentazione per ottimizzare efficienza alimentare e profittabilità. Cirio Agricola Dairy Meeting, Caserta, Italy.	C, I, F <b>300</b>
24. 02/08  2016 25. 11/18	Strategie di alimentazione per ottimizzare efficienza alimentare e profittabilità. Cirio Agricola Dairy Meeting,	
<b>2016</b> 25. 11/18	Strategie di alimentazione per ottimizzare efficienza alimentare e profittabilità. Cirio Agricola Dairy Meeting, Caserta, Italy.  Research and extension at 2015/2016 sabbatical in	300 C, I, F
<b>2016</b> 25. 11/18	Strategie di alimentazione per ottimizzare efficienza alimentare e profittabilità. Cirio Agricola Dairy Meeting, Caserta, Italy.  Research and extension at 2015/2016 sabbatical in Spain – Webinar.  International Course Nestle Dairy Farming Institute – Level 3 – Dairy farm economic decision making.	300 C, I, F 40 F, E, G
<b>2016</b> 25. 11/18 26. 11/7-11	Strategie di alimentazione per ottimizzare efficienza alimentare e profittabilità. Cirio Agricola Dairy Meeting, Caserta, Italy.  Research and extension at 2015/2016 sabbatical in Spain – Webinar.  International Course Nestle Dairy Farming Institute – Level 3 – Dairy farm economic decision making. Harbin, China.  Workshop: Decision support tools for evaluating economics of reproductive programs. Wroclaw,	300 C, I, F 40 F, E, G 20 C, I

9/2	performance utilizing data-driven decision support system tools. 67th European Federation of Animal Science (EAAP). Belfast, U.K.	100
30. 8/1-6	International Graduate Study Course Nestle Dairy Farming Institute – Level 4. <b>Advanced Dairy Herd Management</b> . Harbin, China.	A, C <b>20</b>
31. 07/13	Importance and use of data to evaluate reproduction economics. 2016 Parnell Forum - The Power of Data. Napa Valley, California.	C, I, E <b>50</b>
32. 06/14- 16	<b>The economic value of dairy cows</b> . SK Farms. Bratislava, Slovakia.	C, I <b>10</b>
33. 05/25- 28	*Fertility associated economic losses of farms. 4th Health Management & Symposium, Maritim Pine Beach Otel - Antalaya, Turkey.	C, I, A, G <b>400</b>
34. 05/20	*Economic value of dairy cows. Department of Cattle Breeding. Institute of Animal Science, Prague, Czech Republic.	A, E, C, I <b>150</b>
35. 05/12	Rangos de rentabilidad en explotaciones pequeñas y medianas de vacuno lechero en el noroeste de España durante el año 2015. ANEMBE 2016, Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Spain.	F, C, I, A <b>50</b>
36. 05/11	*Interacción entre la gestión reproductiva y la eficiencia económica: Herramienta Wisconsin-Cornell Dairy Repro. ANEMBE 2016 Seminario: Gestión de la reproducción en granja: Uso e interpretación de los datos reproductivos Santiago de Compostela, Spain.	F, C, I, A <b>70</b>
37. 04/27- 28	Mejora de la Rentabilidad lechera a través de la recría. BLANCA from the Pyrenees, Spain.	C, I, F <b>40</b>
38. 04/18- 20	*Impact of nutritional grouping on the economics of dairy production efficiency. Tri-State Dairy Nutrition Conference. Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana.	A, C, I, F <b>400</b>
39. 04/12- 14	*GIORNATA BUIATRICA Ottimizzazione dei costi economici attraverso la buona gestione veterinaria: Dry cow period, Reproduction, Value of a cow. Reggio Emilia, Italy.	C, I, F, A <b>120</b>

40. 04/04- 06	Efficiency improvement of dairy farms. BLANCA from the Pyrenees, Spain. April 04-06, 2016.	C, I, F <b>50</b>
41. 02/16- 17	Economic efficiency of dairy farms. BLANCA from the Pyrenees, Spain. February 16-17, 2016.	C, I, F <b>40</b>
<b>2015</b> 42. 11/30- 12/04	International Course Nestle Dairy Farming Institute – Level 3 – <b>Dairy farm economic decision making</b> . Harbin, China.	F, E, G <b>20</b>
43. 11/16	Critical aspects of profitability on dairy farms. Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona.	E, A <b>25</b>
44. 11/13	*Tools for making economic reproductive decisions. Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council Annual Convention. Buffalo, NY.	F, C, A, E, I <b>150</b>
45. 10/30	Critical aspects to maximize profitability in dairy farming. Fiera Internazionale del Bovino da Latte. Cremona, Italy	F, C, G, I <b>100</b>
46. 10/21	Wisconsin research advancement and vision for the future. IRTA, Torre Marimon, Barcelona, Spain.	E, A <b>15</b>
47. 10/13- 10/14	*Economic evaluation of reproductive programs. Wisconsin Repro Workshop. Blanca from the Pyrenees. Lleida, Spain.	F, C, I <b>48</b>
48. 10/8	*The money you would gain by improving herd fertility. CEVA Herd Health Symposium. Carts Resort, North Cyprus.	F, C, I <b>100</b>
49. 09/14- 09/16	*Workshop of dairy farm management tools. Río Cuarto, Argentina.	F, C, I, G, I <b>72</b>
50. 09/16	Dairy farm management tools. Consultant group. Río Cuarto, Argentina.	C, I <b>30</b>
51. 09/16	Dairy farm management tools. Teknal group. Río Cuarto, Argentina.	C, I <b>30</b>
52. 09/09	*Losses of milk production in gradual dry off. CEVA - Blanca Workshop, Lleida, Spain.	F, C, I <b>48</b>

53. 7/27-31	International Graduate Study Course Nestle Dairy Farming Institute – Level 4. <b>Advanced Dairy Herd Management</b> . Harbin, China.	A, C <b>20</b>
54. 07/22	Economic tools for dairy farm decision-making. Dairy Japan Magazine group in Madison. University of Wisconsin-Madison	F, C, E, A <b>10</b>
55. 5/18	The Wisconsin dairy farm industry. University of Wisconsin Idea Seminar.	A <b>40</b>
56. 05/08	Decision support tool for genomic testing of calves.	E, A
57. 05/07	Four-State Planning Meeting. Dubuque, IA. <b>Dairy management tools.</b> Brazilian group in Madison.  University of Wisconsin-Madison	<b>20</b> F, C, E, A <b>40</b>
58. 04/16	*Estrous Detection, Timed-Al or a combination. CEVA Training. Berlin, Germany. 15 April 2015.	C, I <b>50</b>
59. 04/15	*Economic value of improving reproductive performances. CEVA Training. Berlin, Germany. 15 April 2015.	C, I <b>50</b>
60. 01/06- 01/26	*Management tools to increase dairy cow feed efficiency. Seven locations. Wisconsin Feed Efficiency Workshops 2015.	F, C, E <b>150</b>
61. 01/13- 01/14	*Reproduction management and its economic value. Wisconsin University & Blanca Workshop. Practical High-Level Dairy Management. Blanca from the Pyrenees, Lleida, Spain.	F, C, I <b>48</b>
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62. 11/19	Strategies to improve economic efficiency. Shur-Gain Dairy Seminar. Stratford, Canada.	F, C, I <b>120</b>
63. 11/18	Strategies to improve economic efficiency. Shur-Gain Dairy Seminar for Veterinarians. Stratford, Canada.	C, I <b>20</b>
64. 10/27	<b>Decision support tools for dairy farm management.</b> COCHRAN group from Mexico, Guatemala, and Trinidad & Tobago. University of Wisconsin-Madison.	A, G <b>6</b>
65. 10/24	Dairy farm decision-making using DairyMGT.info tools. Farm La Querencia, Lurín, Lima, Peru.	F, C <b>12</b>

66. 10/22	Dairy farm production systems. XXXVII Reunión Científica de la Asociación Peruana de Producción Animal - APPA. Facultad de Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia, Universidad Micaela Bastidas, Abancay, Perú.	C, A, I <b>200</b>
67. 10/21	Selected group of decision support tools for dairy farm management. Seminario Internacional Innovación en Reproducción. Pre-Congreso XXXVII Reunión Científica de la Asociación Peruana de Producción Animal - APPA. Facultad de Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia, Universidad Micaela Bastidas, Abancay, Perú.	C, A, I <b>50</b>
68. 10/21	Reproductive economic decisions. Seminario Internacional Innovación en Reproducción. Pre-Congreso XXXVII Reunión Científica de la Asociación Peruana de Producción Animal - APPA. Facultad de Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia, Universidad Micaela Bastidas, Abancay, Perú.	C, A, I <b>50</b>
69. 09/09- 09-11	<b>Economic impacts of lameness.</b> Putting values to the health and replacements in dairy farms. Universidad Tecnológica de Uruguay Technical Workshops. 3 locations: Colonia, Florida, San Jose. Uruguay.	C, F <b>40</b>
70. 09/09- 09-11	Economic impacts of reproductive affections. Putting values to the health and replacements in dairy farms. Universidad Tecnológica de Uruguay Technical Workshops. 3 locations: Colonia, Florida, San Jose. Uruguay.	C, F <b>40</b>
71. 09/09- 09-11	<b>Economic impacts of mastitis.</b> Putting values to the health and replacements in dairy farms. Universidad Tecnológica de Uruguay Technical Workshops. 3 locations: Colonia, Florida, San Jose. Uruguay.	C, F <b>40</b>
72. 09/06	Milk production sustainable systems. Kellogg Foro Latin America. Panama City, Panama. 4-7 September 2014.	A, G, E <b>50</b>
73. 06/26	*The application of simulators to improve profitability of dairy farms. XIX International Congress of Bovine Medicine. Oviedo, Spain.	F, C, I <b>200</b>
74. 06/26	*Group feeding management in dairy farming. XIX	F, C, I

	International Congress of Bovine Medicine. Oviedo, Spain.	200
75. 06/12	<b>Group feeding.</b> Improvement of the dairy farm enterprise. Continued Professional Development. Blanca from the Pyrenees. Lleida, Spain.	C, I <b>20</b>
76. 06/12	Labor management and organization. Improvement of the dairy farm enterprise. Continued Professional Development. Blanca from the Pyrenees. Lleida, Spain.	C, I <b>20</b>
77. 06/12	The herd value and its management implications. Improvement of the dairy farm enterprise. Continued Professional Development. Blanca from the Pyrenees. Lleida, Spain. 10-12 June 2014.	C, I <b>20</b>
78. 06/12	The cow value and its management implications. Improvement of the dairy farm enterprise. Continued Professional Development. Blanca from the Pyrenees. Lleida, Spain. 10-12 June 2014.	C, I <b>20</b>
79. 06/11	<b>Feed price management.</b> Improvement of the dairy farm enterprise. Continued Professional Development. Blanca from the Pyrenees. Lleida, Spain. 10-12 June 2014.	C, I <b>20</b>
80. 06/11	Value of reproductive programs. Improvement of the dairy farm enterprise. Continued Professional Development. Blanca from the Pyrenees. Lleida, Spain. 10-12 June 2014.	C, I <b>20</b>
81. 06/10	The challenge of growing the dairy farm. Improvement of the dairy farm enterprise. Continued Professional Development. Blanca from the Pyrenees. Lleida, Spain. 10-12 June 2014.	C, I <b>20</b>
82. 03/12	Decision support tools for dairy farm management and decision-making with emphasis on reproduction and nutrition. First workshop of Alta-Cialis Advantage Group. Junín, Santa Fe, San Francisco, Esperanza, Argentina. Four times.	F, C, I <b>40</b>
83. 03/12	*Strategies to improve economic efficiency of the dairy. Western Dairy Canadian Dairy Seminar. Red Deer, Canada.	F, C, I <b>900</b>

### **Grants: Funding Support for Research and Extension**

- 1. **Cabrera, V. E.**, K. A. Weigel, H. White, M. Ferris, J. Patel, and M. Livny. 2017-2019. A virtual dairy farm brain. UW2020 Initiative. **\$500,000**.
- 2. Combs, D., **V. E. Cabrera**, K. Nielsen. 2017-2019. UW-Madison-Nestle Dairy Farm Institute Collaborative Training Agreement. **\$771,000**.
- 3. **Cabrera, V. E.**, B. Gould, K. A. Weigel, H. White, M. Ferris, J. Patel, and M. Livny. 2018-2021. A virtual dairy farm brain. National Science Foundation, Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) program. \$1,000,000. Not Selected.
- 4. Choi, C., N. Cook, and **V. E. Cabrera.** 2018-2021. Advancing decision-making and design tools in the milk-energy-water nexus through sustainable large-scale dairy housing. National Science Foundation, Innovations at the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems (INFEWS) program. **\$2,500,000.** *Not Selected.*
- 5. **Cabrera**, **V. E.** 2017-2018. Continue delivering high-impact dairy farming decision support tools. University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School. **\$51,500**.
- 6. Smith, R., A. Brito, S. Grandy, E. Silva, **V. E. Cabrera**, M. Ruark. 2017-2020. Managing positive feedbacks to optimize forage nutritive value and soil health on organic dairy farms. OREI-USDA program. **\$872,000.** *Not Selected*.
- 7. Choi, C., V. E. Cabrera, and Cook, N. 2017-2018. Development of sustainable dairy cattle housing for heat stress mitigation. USDA Hatch Multistate Multiple Investigator. \$60,000.
- 8. Choi, C., N. Cook, and V. E. Cabrera. 2018-2020. Sustainable dairy housing design and cost analysis using computational and stochastic simulations and field assessments. USDA-NIFA-AFRI. **\$500,000.** *Pending.*
- 9. Cabrera, V. E. 2016-2018. Vilas Faculty Mid-Career Investigator Award. \$50,000.
- Cabrera, V. E. 2015-2016. Precision feeding for improving feed efficiency of lactating dairy cattle. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD-Europe). Co-operative Research Programme: Biological Resource Management for Sustainable Agricultural Systems. \$14,000.
- 11. Brito, A. F., A. S. Grandy, R. G. Smith, E. Silva, and **V. E. Cabrera**. 2015-2016. A Planning network of organic farmers, researchers, and dairy processors to optimize productivity and resiliency of forage production on organic dairy farms. OREI-USDA Planning Grant. **\$50,000**.
- Cabrera, V. E., and R. D. Shaver. 2015-2019. Nutritional grouping strategies for feeding dairy cattle to improve health, profit, and environmental outcomes of dairy farms. USDA Hatch Multistate Multiple Investigator. \$121,000.
- 13. **Cabrera, V. E**. 2013-2017. Improving long-term dairy farm sustainability applying whole-farm best management practices that enhance profitability and decrease environmental impacts: A high-level integrated assessment. USDA Hatch Multistate Single Investigator. **\$165,000**.
- 14. Cabrera, V. E., and K. A. Weigel. (Co-PDs). 2013-2014. Development of a genomic

- testing decision support tool for Jersey dairy calves. American Jersey Cattle Association Research Foundation. **\$11,000**.
- 15. Bravo-Ureta, B. (PD), A. De Vries, A., R. Mosheim, and V. E. Cabrera. 2012-2016. Interaction between productivity growth and environmental factors for multi-output farms with a dairy focus. USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grant Programs: Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities. \$318,000.
- 16. VandeHaar, M. (PD), K. A. Weigel, L. E. Armentano (WI-PD), D. Moody Spurlock, R. Tempelman, R. Veerkamp, V. E. Cabrera, M. Worku, M. Hanigan, C. Staples, D. Beede, R. D. Shaver, M. A. Wattiaux, J. Dijkstra, R. Pursley, and M. Weber Nielsen. 2011-2016. Genomic selection and herd management tools to improve feed efficiency of the dairy industry. USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program: Improving Sustainability by Improving Feed Efficiency of Animals. \$5,000,000.
- 17. Cabrera, V. E. (PD), P. M. Fricke, P. L. Ruegg, R. D. Shaver, K. A. Weigel, and M. C. Wiltbank. 2010-2015. An integrated approach to improving dairy cow fertility. USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program: Integrated Solutions for Animal Agriculture. \$1,000,000.
- 18. **Cabrera, V. E.** (PD), R. R. Gildersleeve, M. A. Wattiaux, and D. K. Combs. 2010-2014. Strategies of pasture supplementation on organic and conventional grazing dairies: Assessment of economic, production and environmental outcomes. USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative. **\$575,000.**
- 19. **Cabrera, V. E**. 2011-2013. Development of a suite of dairy reproduction decision support tools. USDA Hatch Multistate Single Investigator. **\$83,000**.
- 20. Gould, B. W., and V. E. Cabrera. (Co-PDs). 2011-2013. Delivery of educational materials to increase LGM-Dairy utilization by dairy farm operators in general and limited resource operators. USDA Risk Management Education and Outreach Partnership Program, Competitive Cooperative Partnership Agreements. \$86,000.
- 21. Gould, B. W., and **V. E. Cabrera**. (Co-PDs). 2011-2013. Training in the use and utilization of an integrated dairy price and margin risk management system for planning purposes. USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, North Central Risk Management and Education Center. **\$50,000**.
- 22. Nienhuis, J. (PD), **V. E. Cabrera**, and international partners. 2011-2013. Seeds of Hope. US Agency for International Development. **\$186,000**.
- 23. Wattiaux, M. A. (PD), B. Barham, M. Bell, **V. E. Cabrera**, and J. Harrison Pritkin. 2009-2013. Integrated analysis of diverse dairy systems in Mexico and Wisconsin: Building capacity for multidisciplinary appraisal of sustainability. USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture International Science and Education Grants Program. **\$150,000**.

- 24. Gould, B. W., and **V. E. Cabrera.** (Co-PDs). 2011-2012. An integrated Web-based information system to improve Wisconsin dairy farms' price risk management and sustainability. University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School. **\$15,000**.
- 25. Reinemann, D. J. (PD), and **V. E. Cabrera.** 2010-2012. Energy intensity, carbon footprint, and environmental impact of pasture based dairy. USDA Natural Resource and Conservation Service, Grazing Land Conservation Initiative, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection. **\$75,000.**
- 26. Bolton, K., and **V. E. Cabrera.** (Co-PDs). 2010-2011. A Sustainable Wisconsin Dairy Farm Financial Management Model. USDA North Central Risk Management and Education Center. **\$47,000.**
- 27. Albarran, B. (PD), **V. E. Cabrera**, and other 4 from Mexico, 3 from Wisconsin, and 5 from Canada. 2010-2011. Linkage for Sustainable Development of Dairy Production Systems in Canada, the United States and México with an Emphasis on Social and Environmental Concerns. North American Research Linkages Program: Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada. **\$20,000**.
- 28. Powers, W. (PD), **V. E. Cabrera**, and other 28 scientists. 2010-2011. Planning grant: A regional approach to climate change planning for dairy and beef production systems. USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program: Regional Approaches to Climate Change. **\$50,000.**
- 29. **Cabrera**, **V. E.** 2010-2011. Translation of Dairy Management Tools. The Babcock Institute for International Dairy Research and Development. **\$10,000**.
- 30. Cabrera, V. E., and B. W. Gould. (Co-PDs). 2009-2011. Assessment of gross margin insurance versus traditional price risk management strategies under alternative bioufuels and predicted climatic conditions: implications for Wisconsin dairy farms. USDA Hatch Multistate Multiple Investigator. \$58,000.
- 31. **Cabrera, V. E.** (PD), and J. Vanderlin. 2009-2010. Success for small beginning dairy farmers. USDA North Central Risk Management Education Center. \$39,000.
- 32. **Cabrera**, **V. E.** 2008-2010. Development of a dairy economic decision support system for Wisconsin. USDA Hatch Single Investigator. **\$54,000**.

# Language skills (2)

- 1. Spanish, fluent, native
- 2. English, fluent

### **Mentoring Research Professionals and Students (19)**

Sep 17 - Jul 18

Edith Charbonneau
Sabbatical researcher
Professor, University Laval, Quebec
Sabbatical Researcher
Farm decision making / Reproductive value

Mar - Aug 17	Huichao Zheng	
	Sabbatical researcher	
	Vice-Professor, Zhejiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences,	
	Hangzhou	
	Sabbatical Researcher	
	Feed and forage pricing	
Sep 17 –	Hector Delgado	
Present	Postdoctoral Research Associate	
	Database management and artificial intelligence	
Sep 17 –	Di Liang	
Present	Postdoctoral Research Associate	
	Database management and artificial intelligence	
Jan – May 12	Julio O. Giordano	
	Postdoctoral Research Associate	
	Economics of dairy reproductive programs	
	Co-mentored Dr. P. M. Fricke	
	Current Position: Assistant Professor, Cornell University	
January 17 –	Manfei Li	
Present	Ph.D. Student	
	Integrated Farm System Model	
June 17 –	Jorge Barrientos	
Present	M.S. Student	
	Nutritional grouping	
Sep 15 –	Yaqi Wu	
Present	M.S. Student	
	Nutritional grouping	
Sep 13 – Aug 17	Di Liang	
	Ph.D. Student	
	Integrated dairy farm system modeling	
Jan 11 – May 15	Afshin S. Kalantari	
	Ph.D. Student	
	Dairy herd structure simulation and optimization	
Jan 10 – Dec 14	Marion Dutreuil	
	Ph.D. Student	
	Production, economic, and environmental impacts of feed	
	supplementation on grazing and organic dairy farms	
Sep 10 – Jun 13	Claudia Hardie	
	M.S.	
	Feed supplementation on organic dairy farms	
	Current Position: Coursing a second M.S.	

Jul 08 – Aug 10	Mayuri Valvekar	
	M.S.	
	Price risk analyses	
	Current Position: Data analyst at Harker Research, a market	
	research company in North Carolina	
Oct 17	Catherine Couture	
	Ph.D. intern from Canada	
	Economics of dairy cattle reproduction management	
Mar 17 – Present	Ramon Mur	
	Ph.D. intern from Spain	
	Economics of dairy cattle reproduction management	
Mar – Aug 17	Veronique Ouellet	
_	Ph.D. intern from Canada	
	Heat stress in dairy cattle	
Jan – Jun 13	13 Lenka Krpálková	
	Ph.D. intern from Czech University of Life Sciences	
	Statistical models of heifer raising production systems	
Mar – Aug 11	Mónica Piccardi	
	Ph.D. intern from National University of Cordoba, Argentina	
	Dairy cattle reproductive efficiency	
Nov – Dec 10	Emiliano Demarchi	
	Intern from Regional Consortium of Agricultural Experimentation,	
	Argentina	
	Adjustment and translation of decision support tools for dairy farm	
	management	
Jan 11 – Dec 15	Connie Cordoba	
	Outreach Specialist	
	ReproMoney Extension program	
Sep 11 – Jul 17	Francisco Contreras-Govea	
	Outreach Specialist	
	Feed Efficiency project	

# **Mentoring Project Assistant Students (10; 4 since 2014)**

Jan 2009 –	MS and PhD students from UW-Madison Computer Science
Present	and Electrical and Computer Engineering
	Development and maintenance of <a href="http://DairyMGT.info">http://DairyMGT.info</a> web-portal

# **Society Memberships (3)**

2006 - Present	American Dairy Science Association
1999 – Present	The Fraternity of Alpha Zeta
1999 – Present	The Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma, Sigma, Delta

## **Service since 2014**

Service since 2014		
Dairy Science Department	2016-present, Chair	Dairy Science International Committee
	2014	American Dairy Science and Midwest Young scholars' nomination
	2014	Chair's evaluation
	2013-2014, Chair	Search and Screening Committee Marshfield Dairy Management Specialist
	2014-present	Participated in 7 PhD Committees and 3 MS Committees
	2015-present	Akins Mentor Committee
	2017-present	Arriola Mentor Committee
	2014-2015	Fricke Post-Tenure Review
	2013-present	Dairy Science Graduate Curriculum Committee
	2014-2015	Ad-hoc Dairy Herd Data Management Committee
CALS	2017	Search and Screening Committee Associate Dean Outreach and Extension
	2016- present	Animal Care and Use Committee
	2013-2014, 2016	Research Advisory Committee
	2016- present	Animal Care and Use Committee
UW-Madison	2010-2015	Wisconsin School for Beginning Dairy and Livestock Farmers Steering Committee
	2011-2017	Dairy Science Senator
Outside	2017-present	American Dairy Science Association Audit Committee
	2016	USDA-ARS Scientist Evaluation

2016-present	American Dairy Science Association Production, Management, and Environment Committee
2015	University of Minnesota Promotion and Tenure External Evaluator
2015	McGill University External PhD Thesis Examiner
2014-present	American Dairy Science Association Editorial Board Journal of Dairy Science
2014-present	Virginia Tech Promotion and Tenure External Mentor
2014	Judge at American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineering for Outstanding Educational Publications
2011-2014	American Dairy Science Association Awards Committee