

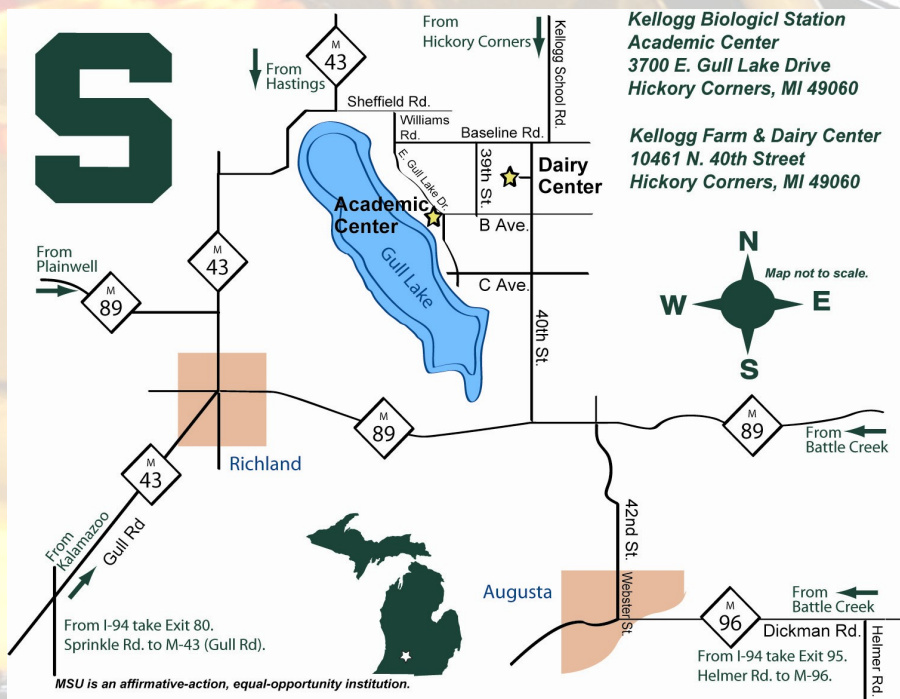
Benefits, Obstacles, and Solutions for Robotic Milking Technology

- Can robotic milking technology fit into my management system?
- What is the hardest part about starting a robotic milking dairy?
- What are the major differences between the different brands of robotic milkers?

These questions and more can be answered on **March 13, 2012 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM** at the Michigan State University W.K. Kellogg Biological Station.

The workshop will begin with a presentation by Dr. Diana Stuart (Michigan State University Dept. of Sociology) and Dr. Becky Schewe (Mississippi State University Dept. of Sociology) on the benefits and obstacles farmers face during their transition to robotic milking technology. Industry and producer panels will follow the opening presentation. The industry panel will include representatives from companies currently selling robotic milking equipment in Michigan. The producer panel will include dairy farmers from Wisconsin, Indiana, and Michigan who have successfully made the transition to robotic milking. An optional tour of the KBS dairy will follow the workshop.

This workshop is designed for dairy farmers currently using robotic milking and those considering installation of a robotic milking system, extension educators, and others working in the agricultural industry with an interest in robotic milking technology.



The workshop will take place in the Terrace Room of the MSU W.K. Kellogg Biological Station Academic Center.

**3700 E. Gull Lake Drive
Hickory Corners, MI 49060**

This is a **free** event but registration is requested.

If you have questions or would like to register contact Mat Haan at 269-671-2360 or haanm@msu.edu.

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