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Dinner on the Farm Series Kicks off with Dinner on the Dairy in Magic Valley

In celebration of its 10th anniversary, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture's Idaho Preferred® program will host a series of dinners at a variety of farms around the state to promote the quality and diversity of Idaho food and agriculture products. The Dinner on the Farm series will kick off on Saturday, June 8, 2013 with Dinner on the Dairy.

Dinner on the Dairy will feature a six-course meal created from the best of Idaho's agricultural bounty. The menu will include local dairy products, lamb, fish, beef, barley, beans, vegetables and more – all sourced from the Magic Valley growing area. In addition, local wines will be paired with each course. This memorable meal will be prepared by Chef Mark Owsley, executive chef of the St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Chef Owsley has a long career of presenting outstanding meals at charity and fundraising events throughout the Magic and Treasure valleys.

In addition to outstanding Idaho foods, the Dinner on the Dairy also will include a tour of the state-of-the-art Si-Ellen Farms dairy. Si-Ellen Farms is owned by the Roth family. The name comes from Simon and Mary Ellen Roth, who built the dairy in 1995. Today the 7,000-cow operation is managed by Simon and Mary Ellen's children and grandchildren and hosts national and international guests who come to learn cutting-edge dairy technology and management.

"This event is a great way for consumers to learn about the vast Idaho agriculture industry. The tour will provide a first-hand look at leading edge technology being used by today's dairy farmers to produce safe, high-quality dairy products while working to protect our environment," said Leah Clark, who manages the Idaho Preferred program. "Dinner on the Dairy will highlight exceptional local food and wine in a six-course dinner menu prepared by one of Idaho's finest chefs."

This dinner event is the first in a series and will continue with Dinner in the Orchard to be held in the Treasure Valley in July.

Dinner on the Dairy will take place at The Risk Barn Event Center on the Si-Ellen Dairy just north of Twin Falls beginning at 5:30 pm. Advance tickets are required and can be purchased at www.idahopreferred.com. For more event and ticket information, email info@idahopreferred.com or call 208-332-8542.

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