

Student Q&A

What about Covid-19?

We adhere to protocols established by the CDC and NMSU.

Where will the consortium be held?

The US Dairy Education and Training Consortium will hold its 2023 session at the Curry County Fairgrounds. Clovis, NM. Clovis is located in eastern New Mexico, approximately 10 miles from the Texas state line and located on US 60. New Mexico is in the Mountain Time Zone.

When does the program start?

Classes will start at 8 AM on Monday, May 15 in the “Pavilion” of the Curry County Fairgrounds. That morning breakfast will be served at 7:30 AM, then have orientation and complete paperwork, and start class. Vans will depart from the King’s Inn at 7:15 AM

Where do we stay?

The default motel is the King’s Inn, 1320 Mabry Drive. We have used this motel for the past fifteen years. The motel is located on the main highway through Clovis. As an **option** this year, if you are eligible for rooming, you may select your housing. The consortium will pay the amount it cost to have a room at the King's Inn directly to the hotel at which you are staying. The consortium does not pay for housing at a home, friend’s apartment or AirBnB. Additionally, at least two of the faculty also stay at the King’s Inn.

When will the King’s Inn be available?

The King’s Inn will be available for move-in on Saturday, May 13. However, most students will arrive on Sunday, May 14.

What type of room do I have?

The consortium pays for a room with two double beds for two individuals. All rooms are air conditioned with a microwave and refrigerator. You will have daily maid service. You need to bring an extension cord, power strip, extra clothes hangers.

What if I want a single room?

Single rooms are available. However, you must pay the single room supplement, which is \$750. You will receive an invoice for the single room supplement from the consortium and the payment must be received by the consortium prior to the start of the consortium.

How do I find a roommate?

We will set up a Facebook page which may be used to locate a roommate. If you do not find one, we will assign one. In the event there become irreconcilable differences between roommates, efforts will be made to change rooms.

What about washing clothes?

There is a modern clean laundromat within walking distance of the King's Inn.

What about restaurant close to the motel?

Within walking distance are several restaurants that include; Thai, Italian, steak house, Dairy Queen, Mexican, " Mom and Pop", Long John Silvers, Sushi, bowling alley with food and a Subway.

If flying, where should I fly into and will someone pick me up? PLEASE READ THIS COMPLETELY PRIOR TO MAKING YOUR FLIGHT RESERVATIONS!

Clovis (CVN) now has jet service via Denver Air Connection which code shares with United and American with service from Denver and Dallas/Ft. Worth. This is the preferred way to get to Clovis. We will pick you up at the Clovis airport. We will also provide airport pickup service at the **Amarillo Airport (AMA) ONLY** on Sunday. Amarillo is a much larger airport and has service by American, Delta, Southwest and United. We will have multiple pickups, once we know the time you will be arriving. Plan to arrive on Sunday, May 15 with flights **after 9 AM**. There is a time zone change between Texas and New Mexico so it will take us 1 hour to get to Clovis from AMA BUT 3 hours to get to AMA from Clovis. When selecting your return flight, we will provide transportation to Amarillo (AMA) airport. However, due to the time change, **PLEASE** make your reservations that leave Amarillo **after 10 AM**. This is due to the time zone change between Texas and New Mexico. If you arrive on Saturday, we are unable to guarantee airport pickup. In the event that you arrive on Saturday, you are responsible for accommodations that Saturday night for pickup with the group on Sunday. There are several hotels close to the airport in Amarillo.

What type of clothing should I bring

Casual! Remember this is the high plains so weather is very variable. Bring warm clothes for the first part while you might need lighter clothes for the latter part of the program. It could be in the 40's or 100!! Bring rain gear!

Will I need to bring a pair of rubber boots?

You will need a pair of rubber boots. There is a Super WalMart as well as a farm supply store if you do not want to place them in your luggage.

What about parking if I bring a car?

There is ample parking at the hotel and the fair grounds. There is NO charge for parking.

Do I need a laptop.

You are required to have a laptop. Notes will not be printed but will be delivered digitally. Your weekly evaluations are also submitted electronically.

What about food!

We serve breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday. The lunches are large. If you have a dietary restriction, please note that on one of the forms that asks about dietary restrictions. We will work with you to ensure you have an adequate diet. If you like to cook, we are always looking for new and innovative recipes.

Transportation in and around Clovis

Vans will leave from the King's Inn to fairgrounds every morning and return to King's Inn after class. When we go to the dairies, you must ride in the vans. We do not want individual cars used for this purpose, unless you have received authorization from Dr. H or Dr. T.

How long will I be in class?

Each day is usually made up of 4 hours of class instruction and 4 hours of dairy/lab or computer. However, this will vary.

If I do not have a car, how will I get around?

Once there, you will acquire friends and they will provide transportation. In addition, the van drivers are able to take you to WalMart, church, etc.

How often are we tested?

Most instructors will give a daily quiz and every Friday you will have an exam over the material covered that week.

What about cameras and photographing the dairies?

Cameras, including cell phones, are not allowed to be used on a dairy. We will take pictures and upload them to a central site from which you may download the photos that you want.

What happens if I get sick?

Advise one of the proctors staying at the King's Inn. If you require medical care, they will get you to the appropriate location.