

# The Place for Large Dairy Herd Training

Situated in the middle of third largest US milk shed, the USDETC provides a unique opportunity to learn how large herds are managed from nationally known academic and agri-business experts. Access to modern facilities and parlors make this a unique learning experience for those interested in dairy management or for individuals who are unsure if this is a career opportunity. Small class size, with daily access to cows and facilities, makes this truly a hands on training opportunity. Students receive college credit from many of their home universities for attending the consortium. The consortium is made possible through the generous support of many agri-business organizations.



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## Hand's On Dairy Management

The USDETC Advanced Large Herd Management Program offers strong research based dairy education in a welcoming, friendly environment. The program offers a six-week summer session divided into weekly learning modules. Problem solving and state-of-the-art hands on training laboratory situations are integrated with industry field trips to complement interactive lectures and discussions. Nationally recognized faculty as well as agribusiness experts collaborate to provide students with unique educational experience and employment opportunity. Courses are taught in the middle of the third largest milk shed in the US. Course credits are dependent on the students university.

### Application Information

Applications are available online at:

<http://usdetc.tamu.edu>.

Refer to the website for the application deadline. The program is annually held for 6 weeks in Clovis, NM, starting in mid May. As part of the application, you must submit an essay that should express your interest, experience, and background in the dairy/agricultural industry. You should also include why you want to attend, what you expect to gain from the USDETC as well as a summary of your career goals. A recommendation letter from a dairy producer, professor or agribusiness individual is also required.

### Tuition and Fees

Students enrolled or recently graduated from US or Canadian universities are eligible to receive a scholarship that covers most of the cost to participate in the consortium. Travel to and from the consortium, some evening and weekend meals, plus incidental costs such as laundry and other expenses are not covered. For those accepted for the consortium, a \$100 non refundable acceptance fee is required.

### Research Labs and Instructional Support

Classroom instruction takes place at Curry County Fairgrounds in Clovis, NM. The building in which the training is held has wireless internet. Student housing is provided at the King's Inn. Within a 50 mile radius of Clovis, there are close to fifty herds averaging over 3,000 cows. These herds represent all types of housing and parlor systems. Herds are extensively utilized to enhance the learning experience by demonstrating to students actual techniques and practices that were learned in the classroom.

### Weekly Industry Forums

At least once a week, representatives from allied industry meet with the students and present cutting edge technologies and discuss career opportunities within their organizations. In many cases, these technologies have not yet been in the market. Additionally, students are able to develop/create a network with these major employers in the dairy industry. This contact promotes potential internships.

**The USDETC is organized to provide leadership, support and resources for the development and facilitation of practical, hands-on large herd dairy education and training. The program is meant to be a capstone learning experience for students interest in large herd dairy management.**

