US Dairy Education & Training Consortium
What is the Dairy Consortium

• Intensive 6 week course in multiple aspects of dairy management
• 2 sessions allow for introductory as well as advanced topics in dairy management
• Taught by faculty that are national experts in their field
• Funded by allied industry that provide a link for internship and employment opportunities
• Located in the third largest US milk shed
Course Structure – 2 Concurrent Sessions

• Classroom lectures
  – Herd Evaluation/Health
  – Nutrition
  – Reproduction
  – Mastitis & Milking
  – Genetics
  – Financial Management
  – Milk Chemistry/Quality
  – Precision Management - Robotics
  – Facilities/Stress Management

• Field Experience
  – Travel to over forty dairies and related industry locations
  – Hands-on lecture application
  – Professional networking

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Location

- Clovis, New Mexico
  - Curry Count Fair Grounds
    - Lecture rooms, WiFi, Cooking facilities
  - 50 herds (>2,200 cows) within 20 miles
  - Modern Facilities – all types of housing and parlors
Faculty

- Nationally known dairy science faculty, normally not available to consortium universities
- Recognized as an expert in their field
- Connections for graduate school and future career pathways
Industry Networking

• Sponsored meals where contributors overview their company and share industry knowledge
• Networking for future internships and careers
• Real world application of dairy knowledge
Housing

• King’s Inn
  – Double room
    • Single Supplement Available
  – Daily Maid Service
  – Free Wi-Fi
  – Transportation to/from fairgrounds
  – Parking Available

• Select your own housing
Financial

• **Covered at the Consortium:**
  - USDETC Tuition
  - Housing
  - Weekday Breakfast/Lunch
  - Industry Sponsored Dinners
  - Saturday Field Trips
  - Transportation to Dairies
  - Shirts

• **Home University**
  - You pay for tuition at your home university if you are receiving credit
Unique Variety of Hands-On Involvement

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Survey of Former Students - Did Attending the Consortium Assist You in Your Career Development?

- 51.2%: 10
- 13.8%: 9
- 16.3%: 8
- 9.1%: 7
- 5.7%: 6
- 2.4%: 5
- 0.5%: 4
- 0.0%: 3
- 0.5%: 2
- 1.0%: 1

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Anonymous Students Comments

“If you would’ve told me 6 weeks ago a bunch of random college students spending 24/7 with each other would be a good idea, I would’ve called you crazy. I am grateful that I attended and hope that I can come back next year.”

“Without the consortium I don’t know that I would have been able to finish college with a goal in mind. I met so many great people and dairy families that allowed me to find my true passion in the industry. I have a great respect for the industry that I would have never been able to experience. I would not be where I am at today without the consortium and all the resources and education that it provided me. So many memories and friendships were made that will never leave me!”

“I attended a number of years ago and to this day I converse with fellow classmates. I have made connections that have helped me in my career and continue to make connections with industry people I had no clue attended. The networking benefits are worth their weight in gold.”

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Recap - Why Attend the USDETC

- The only concentrated modern curriculum in large herd management in the US
- Only option available at some universities for dairy education
- Receive University course/special problem/internship credits from your home university
- Recognized by veterinary schools as experience with large animals
- Professional networking for future internships and jobs
- Preparation for the numerous employment opportunities in the dairy industry
- Cultivates lifelong friendships and industry connections
15 Years of Positive Impact on the Dairy Industry!

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For More Information & To Apply

❑ Visit:
  • http://usdetc.tamu.edu

❑ Contact USDETC:
  • usdetc@tamu.edu

❑ Consortium Dates
  • May 13 – June 21, 2024

❑ Application Deadline
  • February 25, 2024

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