

Student Q&A

Dates for 2025

The dates for the dairy consortium are **Monday, May 12** through **Thursday, June 19**. There is a graduation program Thursday night so plan to leave Friday, June 20 if possible.

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 2025 session at the Curry County Fairgrounds, Clovis, NM. Clovis is 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.

How do you apply?

Applications are online at <https://usdetc.tamu.edu> under the “Student Information” tab.

When does the program start?

Classes will start at 8 AM on Monday, May 12 in the “Pavilion” of the Curry County Fairgrounds. That morning breakfast will be served at 7:30 AM. Students will then go to the classroom for orientation and completing paperwork before class starts that day. Vans will depart from the King’s Inn at 7:15 AM sharp.

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 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 costs 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. If rooms are shared, they are shared by members of the same sex. Additionally, at least two of the faculty members stay at the King’s Inn and at least one will be present at all times while students are at the hotel.

When will the King’s Inn be available?

The King’s Inn will be available for move-in on Saturday, May 10. However, most students will arrive on Sunday, May 11.

What type of room do I have?

The consortium pays for a room with two double beds for two individuals of the same sex. All rooms are air conditioned with a microwave and refrigerator. You will have daily housekeeper service. You need to bring an extension cord, power strip, extra clothes hangers and a three-to-two-plug adapter.



What if I want a single room?

A limited number of single rooms are available. However, you must pay the single room supplement, which is \$800. You will receive an invoice for the single room supplement from the consortium, and the payment must be received by the consortium before the consortium starts.

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.

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 means there is a seamless connection between these majors and Denver Air. If you are flying, this is the **preferred** way to get to Clovis. We will pick you up at Clovis airport. We will also provide airport pickup service at Amarillo Airport (**AMA**) **ONLY** on Sunday, May 11. 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 11 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 on June 20, we will provide transportation to Amarillo (AMA) airport. However, due to the time change, **PLEASE** make your reservations to leave Amarillo **after 10 AM**. This is due to the time zone change between Texas and New Mexico. If you arrive at AMA on Saturday, May 10 we are unable to guarantee airport pickup. If you arrive on Saturday, you are responsible for accommodation that Saturday night for pickup with the group on Sunday. There are several hotels close to the airport in Amarillo. If you arrive at Clovis airport on Saturday, it is not a problem. We prefer that you fly into Clovis!

Does the consortium pay for transportation to get to Clovis?

The consortium does not pay for transportation to get to Clovis. It is your responsibility to get to the CVN or AMA airport or provide for your own transportation to Clovis.

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's! Bring rain gear! There are sponsored dinners that you will be required to wear the USDETC shirt. Most students wear jeans and cowboy boots for those evenings. There are local churches around town, so if you would like to go to church on the free weekends, you can bring Sunday Best clothing.

Will I need to bring a pair of rubber boots?

No. We will provide disposable "Tingley brand" boots. If you bring boots, you will be required to place the disposable boots over the boots you are wearing.

What about washing clothes?

There is a clean modern laundromat within walking distance of the King's Inn. They only accept cash!

What about parking if I bring a car?

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

Do I need a laptop?

You are required to have a laptop and note-taking material, such as a notebook. Notes will not be printed but will be delivered digitally. Your weekly evaluations are also submitted electronically. You are provided a clipboard.

What about food!

We serve breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday. The lunches are large. If you have a dietary restriction, please note that one of the forms that asks about dietary restrictions. We will work with you to ensure you have an adequate diet. However, we try our best to accommodate your dietary requirements but need your help, cooperation and understanding. If you like to cook, we are always looking for new and innovative recipes as well as breakfast cooks!

What about a 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.

Transportation to classes and around Clovis

Vans will leave from the King's Inn for the 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. If you decide to reside at a property not at the King's Inn, you must provide your own transportation to the King's Inn for transportation to the fairgrounds.

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 can take you to Wal-Mart, church, etc. Dr. Spencer, Jason White and Dr. T are also at the King's Inn and are available for rides!

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.

How often are we tested?

Most instructors will give a daily quiz and every Friday you will have an exam on the material covered that week. You are required to maintain a rolling GPA of \Rightarrow 2.0 after the second week.

Do I receive credit for the consortium at my home university?

This varies among universities. Some count the consortium as a course while some count it as an internship. You are responsible for signing up for credit at your home university as well as paying any tuition associated with receiving that credit from your home university. The consortium has nothing to do with offering credit nor setting the tuition rate. CHECK WITH YOUR HOME ADVISOR.

What about cameras and photographing the dairies?

Cameras, including cell phones, are not allowed to be used in 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. You MUST have your own insurance. The consortium does not provide medical insurance.

What about pets?

Pets are not allowed.

Are firearms allowed?

Firearms are not allowed.

What about internships?

The USDETC does not guarantee you an internship. We have a group of companies that have expressed an interest in interns, and we forward to them the application of those students that have expressed an interest in a certain area. All communication regarding internship is between the student and the company.

What is there to do in Clovis after the day of instruction is over on weekdays?

Many students have dinner together after class. Some students buy lawn chairs to sit outside after the day is over to socialize or read outdoors. There is a town pool five minutes away from the King's Inn. There are many gym locations that have reasonable membership deals for students. There is also a zoo within walking distance from the King's Inn.