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U.S. DAIRY EDUCATION & TRAINING CONSORTIUM

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The U.S. Dairy Education & Training Consortium (USDETC) is a specialized organization, founded in 2008, dedicated to advancing practical, hands-on education in large herd dairy management. Here's a breakdown of its objectives and structure:

Objective: The primary goal of the USDETC is to provide leadership, support, and resources for the development and facilitation of practical education and training in large herd dairy operations. This education is aimed at advanced college students specializing in animal science, dairy science, and agribusiness. The ultimate aim is to prepare these students for careers in the dairy industry or for further advanced degree programs.

Program Development: Programs offered by the USDETC are developed in collaboration with allied industries, academia, and government entities. This ensures that the curriculum is comprehensive, relevant to industry needs, and integrates the latest technology and information available in the field.

Capstone Learning Experiences: The USDETC provides capstone-learning experiences, focusing on practical, hands-on teaching methods. This includes on-farm practicums, field trips, laboratory sessions, and interactive experiences with allied industries. By uniting top-tier students with esteemed faculty in conducive geographical locations, the consortium facilitates effective knowledge transfer and skill development. Since programs inception, 776 students have completed the program. More importantly, a recent survey of our graduates found 81% have entered some facet of agriculture while 52% are working on a dairy or in a dairy related industry.

Faculty and Expertise: Instructional faculty involved in the consortium are recognized national experts sourced from universities and agribusinesses. Their expertise ensures that students receive high-quality education grounded in industry best practices and cutting-edge research.

Challenges and Funding: The USDETC acknowledges challenges stemming from budget constraints that have led to the closure of many traditional dairy science departments. This has resulted in a reduced emphasis on dairy educational opportunities across universities. To address these challenges, the consortium emphasizes the importance of establishing a dedicated fund. This fund would ensure the sustainability and success of the program, enabling it to continue fulfilling its mission of educating and training the next generation of dairy industry professionals.

Industry Partnership and Job Opportunities: The USDETC's unique partnership with industry sponsors not only enriches the educational experience but also opens doors to potential job opportunities for students. This interaction ensures that graduates are well-prepared to enter various roles within the dairy sector, including as owners, managers, employees, and allied industry personnel.

In summary, the US Dairy Education & Training Consortium plays a crucial role in filling gaps left by budget cuts in traditional dairy science departments. It focuses on providing practical, industry-aligned education to prepare students for successful careers in the dairy industry or further academic pursuits

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Career Goals: Since I was a kid I knew I wanted to work with animals, and once I found about veterinary medicine I decided that was what I wanted to do with my life. After I graduate from NMSU a plan to go to veterinary school to become a large animal veterinarian.

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Career Goals: After having completed the Dairy Consortium I'm torn on whether I want to go and be a veterinarian or return to my own family's dairy farm. I have found that my passion lies with cows specifically the dairy industry.

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Career Goals: After completing my undergrad, I hope to go to grad school and focusing on reproductive research and reproductive technologies. Getting to learn more about these technologies and their benefits, along with repaying my immigrant mother back for all she has done for me would be a dream come true.

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Career Goals: After having one of the best experiences through the Dairy Consortium, I'm now reconsidering vet school and feel inspired to pursue a career in dairy production to focus on herd health, efficiency, and sustainability using my animal science background.

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Career Goals: I have a strong interest in the reproduction side of the dairy industry. I will be apprenticing under a breeder to pursue a career in artificial insemination.

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Career Goals: Following graduation, I plan to attend veterinary school with the goal of serving rural communities. Participating in this Consortium broadened my perspective, revealing the many opportunities not only within the dairy industry but across the entire agricultural sector.

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Career Goals: After graduating, I ultimately want to go into dairy management. I'm passionate about learning what goes on behind the industry and to get an insight on how much work goes into providing Americans with sustainable nutrients along with the importance behind why dairy is so important today.

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Career Goals: My plan in the future is to work in dairy management with a focus on data collection and improvement of systems within the operation. I will be working and training at a dairy in central Texas after consortium.

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Expected / Graduation Date: Spring 2025
Career Goals: I am interested in doing dairy consulting, specifically in veterinary medicine and animal welfare aspects as I want to be on farms daily. I graduated A&M with Animal Science B.S and Texas Tech with Veterinary Science M.S. I love the dairy industry and aspire a career where I can help producers reach their goals!

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Career Goals: My career goal is to return to my family's 3,500 cow dairy farm in Waynesboro, Georgia. I want to return to continue dairying and be the third Generation dairy farmer on the home farm. With that, I would like to expand the herd allowing for room to buy into the business. I have grown up in dairy and dairying is everything I know how to do and I enjoy it.

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Career Goals: I am interested in being apart of production agriculture so I can support the animals that sustain our society. My introduction into the dairy industry has solidified my passion for production animals. I aspire to attend veterinary school to continue my education, broaden my horizons, and ultimately serve the agriculture community.

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Career Goals: I aspire to attend veterinary school after graduation, but am currently undecided on a specialty. I have gained a strong passion for dairy and hope to remain involved in the industry advocating for cattle welfare.

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Career Goals: I plan to pursue a graduate degree in Dairy Reproduction or Genetics. I also have an interest in biology, so it would be fun to explore bacterial physiology and contribute to reducing the number of mastitis cases, ultimately improving milk quality as a whole. I would also like to educate this new generation and promote the aspects of the dairy industry.

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Career Goals: After graduation I plan to attend veterinary school and pursue a career in mixed animal medicine. My growing passion for the dairy industry drives my goal to work closely with producers to improve herd health and provide high quality care on dairy operations.

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Career Goals: I hope to begin a career in cattle reproduction, working with both dairy and beef operations. I aim to support producers who face language barriers, serving as a bridge, helping them improve herd outcomes. Ultimately, my goal is to contribute as an advocate for the industry and help educate those unfamiliar with agriculture.

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Career Goals: Upon graduation from college, I plan to enter the dairy industry at my family's dairy farm in Southwest Georgia. I look forward to applying the skills and ideas that the Consortium has provided me with to promote the long term sustainability of the farm.

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Career Goals: I plan to get a Masters in ruminant nutrition and later become a dairy cattle nutritionist.

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Career Goals: After graduating from Texas A&M, I plan on attending veterinary school with an emphasis on dairy science. My interests lie in working with producers to improve their herd health plans and educating consumers on the industry.

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Expected / Graduation Date: Spring 2028
Career Goals: I'm an enthusiastic WT student excited about pursuing my Animal Science degree. I hope to continue on to vet school and specialize in large animal medicine. I have a passion for agriculture and would like to spend my time giving back to the industry that has done so much for me.

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Career Goals: Upon graduation, I aim to pursue a career in animal reproduction to advance livestock genetics, improve herd health, productivity, and sustainability. The hands-on experience I gained through the USDETC has prepared me to confidently pursue assisted reproductive

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Expected / Graduation Date: Spring 2026
Career Goals: My goal is to become a large or mixed animal veterinarian. This program expanded my knowledge of ruminant health and nutrition, giving me a broader understanding of animal care. I aim to apply this experience to the animals and their owners in my care.

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Career Goals: I am currently undecided on my future career path. As of right now, I am interested in gaining more experience working within the dairy industry and possibly pursuing a management position.

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Career Goals: I currently have an interest in reproduction and genetics, but I plan to continue growing my knowledge of the dairy industry throughout my college career. Getting involved in research, internships, and any other opportunities that may present themselves will allow me to determine what career path I want to pursue post graduation.

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Expected / Graduation Date: Spring 2027
Career Goals: Once I graduate with an animal science degree from Texas A&M my goal is to go to veterinary school to be a mixed animal veterinarian. I have really enjoyed this program because it has strengthened my interest in the agriculture industry and my decision to do production animals in addition to companion.

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Career Goals: I just graduated from Texas A&M with a major in Biology and minors in Genetics and Performance Studies. I plan to attend veterinary school next!

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Career Goals: After graduating undergrad, I plan on attending vet school to work towards becoming a mixed animal veterinarian with an emphasis for food animals. My goal is to expand my horizons on the different sectors of agriculture and stay involved throughout my career.

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Major: Animal Science
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Career Goals: Howdy, I am Ashtyn Knowles and will graduate in Spring 2026 from Texas A&M University with a degree in Animal Science. I plan to pursue veterinary school with a focus on large-animal medicine and have a strong interest in ruminant animal nutrition and reproduction.

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Career Goals: As an advocate for agriculture, my goal is to help farmers and consumers alike. I aim to promote dairy and agriculture by bridging the gap between producers and consumers. Through trusted communication, I will educate the public, shape food dialogue, and foster positive change in agriculture.

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Expected / Graduation Date: Spring 2027
Career Goals: Following graduation, I plan to remain actively involved in the dairy industry, returning to my family's dairy operation with a particular focus on calf and heifer development. In addition, I am highly interested in dairy management, people leadership, and talent acquisition within the industry.

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Expected / Graduation Date: Fall 2025
Career Goals: I'm especially interested in cattle reproduction and how it impacts herd productivity and sustainability. I'm passionate about working in a field that supports food production, animal health, and rural communities, and I'm excited to gain experience and discover where I can make the biggest impact.

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Career Goals: I plan to attend vet school in hopes of opening a mixed animal practice to serve rural Texas. At the conclusion of vet school, I would like to attend law school in order to represent farmers and ranchers in a wide array of legal engagements and advocate for the future of production agriculture.

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Career Goals: I am pursuing a career in rural large animal veterinary medicine with a focus on emergency care, aiming to serve livestock producers and support the health and sustainability of food animal agriculture.

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Career Goals: I plan to graduate and go into law school to become a lawyer and stay within the agricultural field supporting producers and AG companies.

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Career Goals: Upon completing my degree in Animal Science, I intend to pursue admission to veterinary school. My ultimate goal is to build a career in wildlife medicine, where I can contribute to conservation efforts and play an active role in public education and awareness surrounding wildlife and environmental protection.

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Career Goals: After completing my undergraduate studies, I plan to pursue graduate education to obtain a master's degree, and potentially a Ph.D. in reproductive physiology. My long term goal is to work for a genetics company, with a particular focus on reproductive technologies in both beef and dairy cattle.

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Career Goals: Upon graduating from Kansas State University's Veterinary School in 2029, I plan to pursue a career in bovine production. Concentrating on alternative treatments to decrease withdrawal periods for milk and meat production. My life goal is to educate consumers and policymakers about the importance of animal agriculture and animal proteins.

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Career Goals: I'm driven to become a veterinarian, focusing on companion animals and cattle. My goal is to improve the lives of animals and support the people who care for them through compassionate, skilled, and dedicated veterinary care.

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Career Goals: When I graduate in spring of 2026 with my bachelors, a plan I had in mind was to get my certification as a vet tech, and then after getting more experience with hands on, I will either go back to school for my masters or apply to vet school if it's something that calls out to me.

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Career Goals: After college, I plan to pursue my masters degree studying canine psychology.

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Expected / Graduation Date: Spring 2027
Career Goals: I plan to pursue a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine (DVM). Following veterinary school, I will serve as a Veterinarian in the United States Army for a minimum of eight years to fulfill my active-duty commitment. After completing my service, I intend to transition to a civilian life and establish a mixed animal veterinary practice.

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Career Goals: After graduation, I plan on continuing my experience in the reproduction field focusing on AI and embryo transfers in beef cattle. Later in life, I would like to own my own cattle operation and focus on breeding and selling cattle.

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Career Goals: Upon graduation, I aim to pursue a career in agricultural finance, helping farm operations succeed through sound financial management and analysis, with a long-term goal of supporting and advancing the industry I grew up in.

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Career Goals: After completing my bachelors degree in Animal Science at Texas A&M, I plan to attend veterinary school to then practice small animal medicine. Eventually I am interested in moving to a mixed animal practice or specializing and getting board certified!

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Career Goals: I plan to pursue a career in dairy management, focusing on both the business and animal care sides of production. I aim to grow my knowledge through college, working on family and friends dairies, and attending programs such as the USDETC. By combining technology, business strategies, and people management, I hope to improve efficiency and support the success of the dairy industry.

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Career Goals: Upon graduating, my goal is to manage a dairy operation where I can continue learning from experienced professionals and potentially form partnerships to launch my own large-scale dairy in the future.

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Career Goals: My ultimate goal is to practice Veterinary Pathology. On my route to that profession, I hope to expand my experience in as many disciplines as possible while working on my Master's at Texas A&M. My areas of interest include dairy calves, AI techniques, public health, epidemiology, metabolic diseases, and health monitoring devices.

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Career Goals: I'm hoping to graduate with my animal science degree and pursue vet school. While I'm still exploring my specialty, I know I want to continue supporting agriculture, especially the dairy industry and make a meaningful impact in animal health.

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Major: Animal Science - Production / Agricultural Economics
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Career Goals: I grew up on a family dairy farm and have a strong passion for the dairy industry. Although I'm still exploring my exact career path, I'm especially interested in gaining experience in dairy nutrition and herd management. I'm looking for internships or positions that will help me build practical skills that I can use in my future.

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Expected / Graduation Date: Spring 2025
Career Goals: I will be starting an interior design position at Sims + Architects to pursue my interest in healthcare design. Growing up in the dairy industry, I have a love for cows, so I also would like to explore options within the industry whether it be returning to the family farm or designing/ managing dairy construction projects.

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Career Goals: After I graduate with an undergraduate degree in biomedical sciences, I hope to attend vet school in the fall. My career goal is to become an exotic animal veterinarian.

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Career Goals: Upon graduation from Purdue University I hope to work alongside agriculture producers to aid in guiding them toward success in their operations. Additionally, I plan to be involved with my family's dairy and crop farm located in Northern Indiana where my initial passion for the industry began.

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Career Goals: I aspire to be a veterinarian serving a rural community, where I can care for both small and large animals. I also have a strong interest in exotic and wildlife species. As a veterinarian, I hope to support and advocate for the agricultural industry, especially the dairy field.

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Career Goals: After completing my undergraduate degree, I plan to attend veterinary school, focusing on mixed animal practice. However, I will continue to use experiences like the Consortium to expand my horizons and keep an open mind to the various opportunities within animal medicine.

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Career Goals: Upon graduating, I am most interested in pursuing research and work in the field of bovine reproduction. I plan to become artificial insemination certified and provide AI services within the dairy industry and to local farms in Northern Idaho as an AI technician.

Why contribute to the USDETC?

- There is no other program like this! Its so awesome.

- I would recommend this program to every student our age interested in the dairy industry.

- This is an incredible experience. No where else offers an opportunity to talk with producers and industry leaders. In addition, the on farm visits were very insightful.

- I learned more here than in a lot of my university classes

- The program is wonderfully structured in the sense of providing exposure to the dairy industry. I enjoyed getting to travel to multiple farms and see how they operate differently.

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