

US Dairy Education & Training Consortium



Center of Excellence for Large Herd Dairy Management

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
- Some universities allocate credit for attending



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Course Structure – 2 Concurrent Sessions

- **Session 1**

- Introduction to Dairy Science
- Animal Welfare and Sustainability
- Feeds and Feeding
- Reproduction
- Genetics
- Mastitis & Milk Quality
- Precision Management - Robotics

- **Session 2**

- Herd Evaluation
- Animal Welfare and Sustainability
- Advanced Feeding and Commodity Management
- Financial Management
- Herd Dynamic Evaluations
- Youngstock and Heifer Management
- Facilities/Stress Management
- Precision Management - Robotics

- **Field Experience**

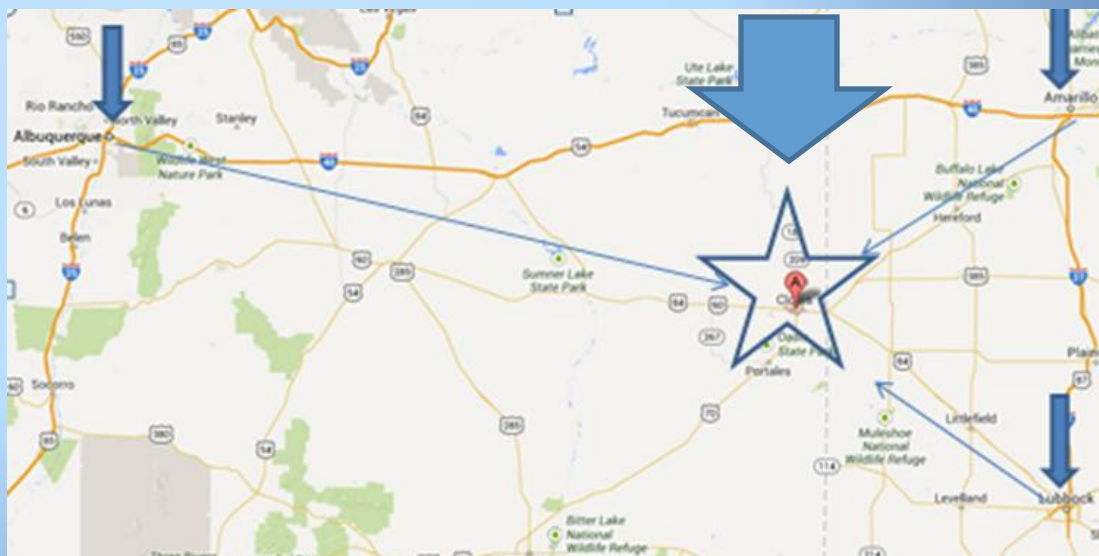
- Travel to over forty dairies and related industry locations
- Hands-on lecture application
- Professional networking



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Location

- Clovis, New Mexico
 - Curry County Fair Grounds
 - Lecture rooms, WiFi, Cooking facilities
 - 30 herds (>3,000 cows) within 50 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



2026 Faculty Directory



USDETC- Making a difference in dairy education by providing, practical hands-on instructional training for the next generation of dairy professionals



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We Provide

- **Housing**

- **Super 8**
 - **Double room**
 - **Single Supplement Available**
 - **Daily Maid Service**
 - **Free Wi-Fi**
 - **Transportation to/from fairgrounds**
 - **Parking Available**
 - **Lobby Lounge Area**
 - **Daily “hot” Breakfast**
 - **Free Shuttle Service**
- **Select your own housing**



- **Food**

- **Lunch (M-F)**



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



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Financial

- Covered at the Consortium:
 - USDETC Tuition
 - Housing
 - Weekday Breakfast/Lunch
 - Transportation to Dairies and Field Trips
 - Shirts
- Home University
 - You pay for tuition at your home university if you are receiving credit



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A collage of 12 photographs showing students and staff engaged in various dairy science activities. The images include: a student in a red shirt and gloves working with a large piece of meat on a table; a student in a blue shirt with a red and white logo working with a tray of purple liquid; a group of students in yellow safety vests standing in a line outdoors; two students working with a large white container; a student in a blue shirt and safety vest working with a cow in a stall; a student in a maroon shirt and safety vest working with a cow in a stall; a student in a blue shirt and safety vest working with a cow in a stall; a student in a blue shirt and safety vest working with a cow in a stall; a student in a blue shirt and safety vest working with a cow in a stall; a student in a blue shirt and safety vest working with a cow in a stall; a student in a blue shirt and safety vest working with a cow in a stall; and a student in a blue shirt and safety vest working with a cow in a stall.



Internship Opportunities

- Indicate on the application in which area you are interested
- If you are accepted into the consortium, you will receive a list of companies that have internships available
- You are responsible to contact the company
- All negotiations are between you and the company



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18 Years of Positive Impact on the Dairy Industry!



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For More Information & To Apply

☐ Visit:

- <https://usdetc.tamu.edu>

☐ Contact USDETC:

- usdetc@tamu.edu

☐ Consortium Dates

- May 18 – June 26, 2026

☐ Application Deadline

- February 8, 2026



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Questions!

“No other formal program allows students to acquire such holistic knowledge of the dairy industry, from nutrition to reproduction, genetics, herd health management, welfare and economics, in only six weeks, or that visits as many dairies, feed mills, milk processing plants, calf ranches and has as many laboratories and hands-on practice activities as the consortium offers”

Dr. Juan Pineiro



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