
MAPLE BOTTOM FARM – SUMMER INTERNSHIP 2026

Applications Due: February 10, 2026

About Maple Bottom Farm

Maple Bottom Farm is a working dairy farm located in Dawson, Pennsylvania. The farm milks approximately 60 head of Guernsey cattle using a DeLaval Classic robotic milking system. Milk is shipped to Land O'Lakes and is also used to produce A2/A2 Golden Guernsey milk, cheese, drinkable yogurt, and ice cream under the Naturally Golden Family Farms Cooperative label.

Beyond dairy production, Maple Bottom Farm operates a growing agritourism business. Offerings include farm tours, summer camps, a three-bedroom on-farm Bed & Breakfast, and seasonal You-Pick flower fields featuring sunflowers, zinnias, and cosmos—including a sunflower maze.

The farm's on-site retail store, **The Red Shed**, offers self-serve, farm-produced foods including milk, cheese, drinkable yogurt, butter, ice cream, beef, pork, eggs, and maple syrup. In 2026, Maple Bottom Farm will launch a **new 2,500-square-foot Red Shed**, expanding retail space, storage, and in-house ice cream production.

Internship Overview

This internship offers a **hands-on, well-rounded farm experience** that goes far beyond traditional dairy chores. Interns will gain exposure across **three core areas**:

1. Farm Operations
2. Agritourism
3. Marketing & Communications

Previous experience in all areas is not required. Ideal candidates are **hardworking, self-motivated, dependable, and strong communicators** who can work independently and as part of a team.

Interns will also:

- Tour milk and cheese processing facilities used for co-packing Guernsey products
- Participate in management, marketing, and planning meetings with industry professionals

The **2026 internship will place a strong emphasis on agritourism growth and retail development**, including the launch of the new Red Shed, implementation of a POS system, inventory management, and customer engagement strategies.

Intern responsibilities will be shaped around the intern's **strengths and interests**, and each intern is encouraged to select a **project of focus** to develop, improve, or implement during the summer.

Internship Details

- **Duration:** 10–12 weeks
- **Start Date:** Mid-May 2026 (earlier start possible)
- **End Date:** Mid- to late August 2026
- **Housing:** Available on-farm

Key Work Areas & Responsibilities

1. Farm Operations

- Assist with maintenance of the DeLaval robotic milking system
- Maintain computer records using DelPro and CowManager
- Provide daily cow care, including:
 - Herd health vaccinations and treatments
 - AI synchronization and heat detection (if trained)
 - Sick cow detection and treatment
 - Dry cow treatments
 - Newborn calf care and daily calf feeding
 - Genomic testing
- Push up feed (skid loader training provided)
- Assist with cropping and fieldwork (based on skillset and interest)
- Work with show heifers, including leading, fitting, and exhibiting at the Fayette County Fair and the All-American Dairy Show (based on skillset and interest)

2. Agritourism

- Lead 1-hour farm tours for B&B guests
- Assist with school and community group tours
- Help with flower planting and You-Pick flower operations
- Lead workshops during Farm Camps
- Coordinate July “Cows & Cones” reading events
- Assist with Red Shed activities and help plan a summer meal-on-the-farm event
- Assist with manufacturing Golden Guernsey ice cream
- Stock and organize The Red Shed

3. Marketing & Communications

- Develop new retail customers through one-on-one sales and outreach
- Assist with implementing marketing strategies
- Create and manage social media content
- Manage email campaigns including entering contacts and sending newsletters
- Assist with website updates and online communications

How to Apply

Please email a **resume and letter of interest** to:

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