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### **LEARN ABOUT CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR DAIRY FARMERS DURING “ALL THINGS DAIRY” DECEMBER CONFERENCE CALL**

*The Monthly Call Will Be Held on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm*

**Harrisburg, Pa.** – The Center for Dairy Excellence’s “All Things Dairy” monthly conference call aims to provide a platform for organizations and industry partners to share timely updates, resources, programs, and upcoming events relevant to the dairy community. The next call is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10 at 1 p.m. EST. Learn about current grant opportunities for dairy farmers, hear tips and best practices for completing grant applications, and get a brief update on highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

“There are several exciting grant opportunities that just opened through the Center for Dairy Excellence and other organizations. These grants can help dairy producers invest in a project or piece of technology that boosts milk production, invest in a transformation or modernization for their farm, or work with a consultant on a specific area of their dairy business,” shared Valerie Mason-Faith, Risk Education Manager at the Center for Dairy Excellence. “We hope you’ll join us for our December call to learn more about these opportunities and tips for completing a thorough and detailed application.”

During the December 10<sup>th</sup> call, listeners will hear:

- **Overview of grant opportunities for dairy farmers.** Melissa Anderson with the Center for Dairy Excellence will share a rundown of grant opportunities available for Pennsylvania dairy farmers, including a new Dairy Productivity Grant that supports projects that directly impact milk production on dairy operations. She will also share information about Transformation and Transition Team Grants along with Dairy Decisions Consultants (DDC) grants – and how these opportunities can help dairy producers work one-on-one with consultants and trusted advisors.
- **Tips and best practices for applying for grants.** Samantha Gehrett, a dairy educator from Penn State Extension, will review tips and best practices for applying for some of these current grant opportunities. She plans to share helpful advice for answering questions with detail on grant applications, telling your farm’s story and sharing how the grant addresses your needs, and customizing your application.

Individuals who join the conference call on December 10 will be able to ask real-time questions to each panelist. Learn more about how to join the conference call on December 10:

- **Date:** Wednesday, December 10 at 1 p.m. EST.
- **How to Join:**  
Dial: +1 301-715-8592  
Meeting ID: 872 7682 8646  
Passcode: 500778
- Click here to join the meeting via Zoom: [www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/dairy-call](http://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/dairy-call)

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The Center for Dairy Excellence is a non-profit organization initiated by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in 2004. Bringing together people from more than 40 different dairy organizations in Pennsylvania, the Center's mission is to enhance the profitability of the dairy industry by empowering people, creating partnerships, and increasing the availability and use of resources. Learn more at [centerfordairyexcellence.org](http://centerfordairyexcellence.org).

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