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DAIRY JOB OPPORTUNITIES RESOURCE AVAILABLE FOR FARMS LOOKING FOR LABOR

The Center's Job Opportunities Page Allows Dairy Producers to Submit Job Openings

Harrisburg, Pa. – With Pennsylvania dairy production and associated businesses contributing \$11.8 billion annually to the state's economy, and those businesses creating more than 47,000 jobs, the Center for Dairy Excellence has a "Dairy Job Opportunities" tool available for dairy producers who have employment opportunities they are looking to fill on their operations. The online resource allows dairy producers to submit their job openings to be shared with the Center for Dairy Excellence's network and digital channels.

"We developed this resource to help Pennsylvania dairy producers have an outlet for sharing the jobs they have available on their farms. Once a job opportunity is submitted, we work to share it with our network of dairy professionals, including young dairy professionals who might be entering the workforce," said Emily Barge, Communications and Marketing Manager at the Center for Dairy Excellence. "Several individuals have connected with farms and discovered jobs that match their interests after first seeing them on the job board, and we hope it continues to be a valuable resource for producers across the state."

When submitting a job opening, dairy producers must include the title of the position and employment category, including full-time, part-time, hourly or internship opportunity. They must also include the farm name, job description and responsibilities, employer's contact information, and a job application if available.

"The Center for Dairy Excellence job board helped us to find a qualified full-time employee for our dairy farm, and we couldn't be more thrilled about it," said Matt Keller of Legen-Dairy Farm, LLC in York County, Pennsylvania. "What I liked about posting to this site is that unlike other job sites, you know that a person who finds you on the Center's job page is committed to the dairy industry and passionate about what they do."

The Center has received more than 60 submissions on the Dairy Job Opportunities page to date. Through the Center's Dairy Herd Manager Apprenticeship Program, individuals aged 18 years or older can also find opportunities to be employed as apprentices on progressive dairy farms.

"I used the Dairy Job Opportunities page and made phone calls to some farms that had positions up there. I was looking for something fairly specific and short-term, and it helped me a lot," said John Nolan, a PA dairy farmer.

To submit an employment opportunity available on your dairy operation, visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/dairy-job-opportunities. For more information about the resource, contact Emily Barge at ebarge@centerfordairyexcellence.org or call 717-346-0849.

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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.

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