On-Farm Internship

Intern Expectations

Objectives of the On-Farm Internship Program:

➢ To create opportunities for students to gain practical knowledge, information, and skills about progressive dairy operations stretching beyond their familiar home or past dairy experiences
➢ To provide summer internship positions that are financially lucrative and competitive with industry standards through $3,000.00 in addition to farm wages.
➢ To allow for existing dairy producers to share their passion for the future of the dairy industry with the next generation

Students must be:

➢ One of the following:
  o Currently enrolled in, or a recent graduate of, a Pennsylvania university or college, or
  o A resident of Pennsylvania who is currently enrolled in, or a recent graduate of an out-of-state university or college, or
  o A resident of Pennsylvania with a high school diploma and between ages of 18 and 25 as of June 15, 2023, who has agriculture experience and an interest in dairy farming.
➢ Majoring in Animal Sciences or related agriculture field or have experience in production agriculture.
➢ Interested in the production aspect of the dairy industry and/or an on-farm learning experience.

Students are required to:

➢ Participate in an in-person interview at the host farm location prior to acceptance into the on-farm internship program.
  o Determine goals, area of focus and project for the internship.
➢ Complete the OSHA 10 General Agriculture online course successfully before the start of the on-farm internship.
➢ Participate in a pre-internship informational session giving a copy of driver's license and completing a W-9 form.
➢ Maintain confidentiality in work.
➢ Familiarize themselves with and adhere to organization's relevant policies/procedures and appropriate standards and ethical conduct.
➢ Participate in weekly discussions via Zoom with On-Farm Internship Coordinator and other interns.
➢ Participate in 30-day and final review with the host farm.
➢ Present a final presentation about the internship experience to On-Farm Internship Committee upon conclusion of the on-farm internship.