

## Dairy Excellence Grant Spring 2023 Application

Completed application with **\$100 application fee** send to Center for Dairy Excellence \* Attn: Melissa Anderson \*  
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[www.centerfordairyexcellence.org](http://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org) — *Applicants not awarded grants will have the application fee refunded to them.*

Program support is made possible through Ag Excellence funding provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Dairy Excellence Grant:** Qualifying projects would include anything related to improving dairy farm efficiency, cow comfort, milking facilities, housing facilities, or feeding system. The project should be focused on improving milk production per cow and/or enhancing overall farm profitability and/or efficiency. **Grant funding will be a 50 percent match, up to a maximum limit matching level of \$5,000.**

**Application period runs: February 1—February 28, 2023** *This is a competitive grant*, so winning grant award recipients will be notified by March 15, 2023 with expenses/invoices due by **June 30, 2023**. Application fees will be refunded to those who are not awarded grants.

Producer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 County \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Current month:**

Milk market or cooperative \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total cows lactating & dry \_\_\_\_\_ No. heifers 12mths or older \_\_\_\_\_ No. of heifers under 12mths \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daily pounds of milk per cow \_\_\_\_\_ SCC \_\_\_\_\_ BF% \_\_\_\_\_ Protein% \_\_\_\_\_ Total acres \_\_\_\_\_  
 Operational information (check all that apply): Tie stall \_\_\_\_\_ Parlor \_\_\_\_\_ Robotics \_\_\_\_\_ Organic \_\_\_\_\_ Grazing \_\_\_\_\_

**Farm will be required to know/have:**

- Cost of Production: \_\_\_\_\_  I want help to determine my cost of production:
- Our farm has a current Manure Management Plan or Nutrient Management Plan (Dated: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Our farm has a current Conservation Plan or Ag Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (Dated: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Our farm is compliant with National FARM Program or similar program \_\_\_\_\_
- Our farm has a management or advisory team Yes  No

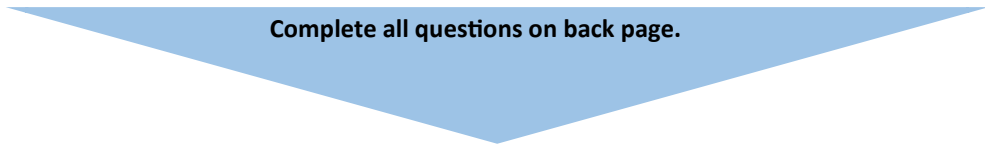
List two consultants/advisors with phone# and email address that work with the farm (ex. Nutritionist, Accountant, Veterinarian)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

***In exchange for the allocation of funding and support, farms accepted as a Dairy Excellence Grant Teams will be expected to do the following:***

- Provide cost of production, invoices /expenses to the Center for reimbursement
- Invoices for allocated funds are due to the Center by **June 30, 2023**
- A W9 must be provided to the center before any expenses will be reimbursed—Any funding received through this grant will be considered taxable income by the IRS

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



<b>CDE office use only:</b> Received: _____ Reviewed: _____ Approved: _____
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**Please Complete the Questions Below:**

**1. What is your project and why do you feel that you need to make this improvement or modernization?**

**2. What do you envision the end result would be and how will it benefit your farm?**

**3. How much do you estimate your project will cost?**