

Dairy Excellence Grant Fall 2021 Application

Completed application with **\$100 application fee** send to Center for Dairy Excellence * Attn: Melissa Anderson *
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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: September 1— October 15, 2021. *This is a competitive grant*, so winning grant award recipients will be notified by November 20, 2021, with expenses/invoices due by **March 15, 2022**. 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 **March 15, 2022**
- 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 _____

Complete all questions on back page.

CDE office use only: Received: _____ Reviewed: _____ Approved: _____

Please Complete the Questions Below:

1. Please provide a brief description of what improvements or modernizations you will do with the grant funds.

2. How will this improvement or modernization enhance dairy efficiency on the farm?

3. How will this enhance your farm's cow comfort and overall efficiency?