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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 \$11.1 billion annually to the state's economy, and those businesses creating more than 46,000 jobs, the Center for Dairy Excellence continues to offer a "Dairy Job Opportunities" tool 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 with people who are passionate about dairy. 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 dairy farms and discovered jobs that match their interests after first seeing them on the job page. 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.

"I found the career link postings on the Center for Dairy Excellence's (CDE) website very beneficial because it put the jobs out there for those truly interested in dairy farm positions. I had a number of qualified applicants say they saw the job on the CDE website, so it does reach those truly searching online," shared Justin, a PA dairy farmer.

The Center has received more than 100 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 filled our herd manager position, and they heard about it through the Center's Dairy Job Opportunity page. I had a total of 10 people inquire about the position, and I seemed to

have quite a few responses after you posted it to your channels. Thank you so much for your help,” shared Darwin, 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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