

Dairy Decision Consultant FAQs

1. *Why should our farm consider a Dairy Decision Consultant (DDC)?*

You may be wondering where to start in addressing multiple concerns and at this time you do not have a comfort level in working in a “team” setting. If this is your situation then the DDC program may be a good fit for your farm. It has been the CDE’s experience that many farms begin with a DDC and then move into working with several trusted advisors in a more formal “team” setting.

2. *Who serves as DDC and where do I find the application?*

Easy access on the CDE website for both:

Consultants: <http://centerfordairyexcellence.org/designated-dairy-decisions-consultants/>

Application: <http://centerfordairyexcellence.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/17-18-Dairy-Decisions-Consultant-Producer-Application.pdf>

3. *Must I use a DDC from the list on the CDE’s website or may I use another person?*

No, if you have a trusted advisor that would serve your farm well as a DDC please contact the CDE for pre-approval and then submit a DDC application with the appropriate information.

4. *How are they paid?*

The consultant will send the bill to the CDE and will be paid directly by us. If the consultant’s bill is over the allotted DDC funds, the farmer will be responsible to pay the remaining balance. Funding amount of \$3,500.00 for Financial Consult and \$2,000.00 for Employee Management/Non-Financial Consult must be used by June 30, 2018.

Funding for 2017-2018 consultants is \$3,500.00

5. *Is there an application fee?*

Application fee is waived until June 30, 2018. After that, application fee is \$100.

6. *Am I eligible to have a DDC and an On-Farm Resource Team in the same fiscal year?*

Yes, based on the recommendation of the consultant you can apply for an On-Farm Resource Team.