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STUDENTS GAIN EXPOSURE TO DAIRY PRODUCTION THROUGH ON-FARM INTERNSHIPS

The Internship Program Provides Farm-Based Learning Experiences to the Next Generation



Harrisburg, Pa. – Seven students who are interested in pursuing careers in dairy production recently began an on-farm internship program. The Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania, in partnership with the Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Dairyman’s Association, created the program to provide hands-on, farm-based learning experiences to the next generation of dairy managers in Pennsylvania.

“The program gives future young dairy producers and leaders a chance to learn from some of the best progressive dairies in the state and country,” said Brittany Haag, Dairy Education Program Manager at the Center for Dairy Excellence. “The interns learn why decisions are made on the farm, what factors to think about, and how to successfully maintain a farm budget.”

For eight to 12 weeks throughout the summer, interns will gain on-farm experience and participate in discussion boards and monthly calls with mentors and program supervisors. The

internship experiences are designed to expose students to all aspects of a successful progressive dairy operation.

Students will also conduct a research project that benefits their dairy farm. After researching and analyzing various topics, they will present their findings in August at the conclusion of the internship.

The following students will be participating in the internship program this summer:

- Shara Allman — El-Vi Farms, Inc. in Newark, New York and Willow Bend Farm, LLC in Shortsville, New York
- Caitlyn Degner — Walmoore Holsteins, Inc. in West Grove, Pennsylvania
- George Demers — Masons Chrome View in Nottingham, Pennsylvania
- Aaron Harbach — Barrington Dairy, LLC in Montezuma, Georgia
- Catherine Moyer — Little Crick Farm in Stevensville, Pennsylvania
- Holly Musser — Restful Acres in Hershey, Pennsylvania
- Montana Stump — Hetrickdale Farm in Bernville, Pennsylvania

The Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation, the Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association provide \$3,000 grants to support the internships during the summer. Students must attend a Pennsylvania university, be a Pennsylvania resident attending an out-of-state school, or be a recently graduated Pennsylvania resident with an interest in dairy production.

To learn more, visit centerfordairyexcellence.org or contact Brittany Haag at 717-346-0849 or by email at bhaag@centerfordairyexcellence.org.

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Cutline: Pictured are several students who began 2019 on-farm internships. Pictured from left to right are Caitlyn Degner, Montana Stump, Aaron Harbach, Holly Musser and Shara Allman. Not pictured are George Demers and Catherine Moyer.

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