

Internship in Dairy Herd Management

Salary: \$21,000

Inclusive Dates: July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

Number of Positions: 1

The objective of this year long internship is to provide knowledge, training and experience in dairy herd management to the successful candidate. The successful candidate will either be 1) a graduate of an AVMA accredited veterinary technician or technology program and will be eligible for licensure in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a CVT, or 2) a graduate of a two or four year program with dairy or animal science experience. After successful completion of the program, the intern should be an excellent candidate for a position as a veterinary technician in bovine private practice, a research assistant or a dairy herd manager. The intern will work at the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School's Marshak dairy farm which houses approximately 175 lactating cows, 30 dry cows and 160 young stock. The Marshak dairy currently employs a herd manager and three additional farm workers. Oversight is provided by a staff veterinarian and veterinary care is provided by Penn Vet's New Bolton Center Field Service ambulatory veterinary service. The intern will have the opportunity to learn from all associated staff and personnel in order to provide a complete herd management picture.

The experiences gained in this internship include fresh cow monitoring, milking, feeding, A.I. breeding, calf and transition cow care, hoof trimming, body condition scoring, lameness scoring and other possibilities according to the interest of the intern and discretion of the dairy manager. Training will be provided by the farm staff in these technical skills according to the intern's experience and background. Additional instruction in record entry and analysis (DairyComp305 and PCDART), managing reproductive programs, nutrition, mastitis and milk quality, labor management and preventative health programs will be provided in regularly scheduled meetings and extended seminars. The intern may also have involvement in research projects conducted at the Marshak dairy.

The Marshak Dairy is located on the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School's New Bolton Center campus in Kennett Square, Chester county, PA.

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Interested applicants should contact Dr. Darren Remsburg at (610) 925-6136 or remsburg@vet.upenn.edu. Applicants should supply a current resume to Dr. Remsburg by March 31, 2010.