



MAPLE BOTTOM FARM

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INTERNSHIP 2024

APPLICATIONS DUE 2/10/24

Maple Bottom Farm is a working dairy farm in Dawson, PA. Sixty head of Guernsey cattle are milked in a DeLaval Classic robot. Milk is shipped to Land O'Lakes and also used to produce A2A2 Golden Guernsey milk and cheese under the Naturally Golden Family Farms Cooperative labels. In addition to the dairy, Maple Bottom Farm offers a variety of agri-tourism activities including farm tours and 2 summer camps. The Farmhouse Bed and Breakfast is a 3-bedroom house located on the main farm. In the summer 10-15 acres are planted in sunflower, zinnia, and cosmos, including a sunflower maze and You-Pick flower field. The Red Shed is a self-serve store offering milk, cheese, beef, pork, eggs and other far fresh foods.

Interns will have many different tasks and receive a variety of experiences not limited to everyday chores on traditional small dairies. Interns are encouraged to choose a project of focus and work to implement, develop or improve and area on the farm. Projects will be decided on together. Internship candidates do not need to have experience in all of the areas, but do need to be hard working, possess strong communication skills, be self motivated and able to work alone or with a group. The intern will have 3 key work areas and jobs are not limited to the tasks listed and will focus on the strengths and interest of the student. Ideally the intern will develop and implement a project of focus in one of the key areas.

1. Farm

- Maintenance of the Delaval robotic milking system
- Maintain computer records in DelPro and CowManager
- Cow care including: routine herd health vaccinations, AI synchronization, detecting and treating sick cows, dry treat, newborn calf care and calf feeding, heat detection and breeding (if AI trained), genomic testing
- Push up feed (skid loader training will be provided)
- Cropping and Field Work (depending on skillset and interest)

2. Agri-tourism

- Provide 1 hour tours to B&B guests
- Assist with flower planting and You-Pick
- Lead workshops during Farm Camps
- Assist with school and community group tours
- Make social media posts and assist with website maintenance
- Work at least 1 shift/week in Calf -A (our ice cream concession trailer)

3. Milk Marketing

- Develop new retail customers through one-on-one sales
- Attend weekly Farmers Market (to be determined)
- Deliver cheese and milk to current customers
- Work with marketing agency to implement grant activities

Interns also have the opportunity to help manage show heifers including leading, fitting, and exhibiting at the Fayette County Fair and the All American Dairy Show. Intern will also tour the milk processing facilities used for milk and cheese and participate in management team meetings with other industry professionals. We look forward to providing a fun, well rounded farm experience with many aspects to help the intern develop future career interests. The internship will last 10-12 weeks and will ideally begin mid-May and run through mid/late August. Housing is available.

Email resume and letter of interest to Vickie Baker at maplebottomfarm1@gmail.com