

The U.S. Dairy Education & Training Consortium



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Impacting the next generation of dairy professionals for 16 years and counting

Need: without any dairy training resources in the 3rd largest and rapidly expanding milkshed in the Southwestern US, three universities in 2008 proposed to counter this tide with a multi-university hands-on training program in Clovis, NM in one of the most technologically advanced dairy centers in the US: a model for practical education.

Program impact: in 16 years (since 2008) 711 students from 62 universities attended the program. A 2022 survey showed that 4 out of 5 (81%) students are employed in agriculture; 52% of the students are employed on a dairy or in the dairy allied industry, and 15% became a veterinarian. One of the former students said: *"There is not another program in the United States, potentially the world, that has the ability to make such profound impacts on young adults considering a career in agriculture."* In 2024 the program will be expanding internship opportunities with industry, allied industry and processors.

Website resources: <https://usdetc.tamu.edu>

Impact:

Total reach in 16 yrs:

711 students from
62 universities

- 6-wk. program in Clovis, NM
- Nationally recognized faculty
- Hands-on & classroom teaching
- Internship & job opportunities
- Credit towards Dairy Minor

Based on 2022 student survey:

4 out of 5 students find employment in agriculture
2 out of 3 students find employment in dairy industry
1 out of 3 students working on or managing a dairy



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