

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Operating a profitable and progressive dairy farm in today’s agricultural climate involves learning to work smarter, not just harder. Successful operations are built on solid herdsperson skills, effective management skills, and use of technology. If dairy farming is your career dream, completing LTC’s Dairy Herd Management program is the way to turn your dream into reality.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Manage herd nutrition.
- Manage herd reproduction.
- Manage herd health.
- Manage herd/farm business.

CAREER AND EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

LTC credits transfer to over 30 universities. For more information visit gotoltc.edu/future-students/transfer.

ADMISSION AND PROGRAM ENROLLMENT STEPS

- Submit online application.
- Submit transcripts (high school & other colleges). NOTE: Official transcripts required for acceptance of transfer credits; Financial Aid may require.
- Complete the online Student Success Questionnaire.
- Complete On-Farm Placement and Release form.
- Schedule a Program Advising Session with your assigned advisor to plan your first semester schedule, review your entire plan of study, discuss the results of the Student Success Questionnaire.

APPROXIMATE COSTS

- \$136.50 per credit tuition (WI resident) plus \$8.10 per credit student activity fee. \$10 per credit online or hybrid fee. Material fee varies depending on course. Other fees vary by program. Visit gotoltc.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-fees for details.

FINANCIAL AID

This program is eligible for financial aid. Visit gotoltc.edu/Financial-Aid or talk with your Career Coach about how to apply for aid.

SPECIAL NOTE

Each student will be assigned to a farm for supervised, on-the-job training. An internship agreement will be completed and signed by both the student and farm representative. Graduates of LTC’s Dairy Herd Management program receive national AI certification. As part of their educational experience, students are members of the PAS (Professional Agriculture Students) Organization, and they participate in these competitions and activities throughout the year.

If you would like an associate degree focusing on dairy business operations, the Dairy Business Management ITS program may be your choice. Graduates of this Dairy Herd Management technical diploma can attend an additional year of classes to achieve this associate degree focusing on Dairy Business Management.

CONTACT

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Catalog No.	Class Title	Credit(s)
Term 1 (Fall 2020)		
10091102	Dairy Cattle Management	3
10091103	Dairy Reproductive Management	3
10091117	Animal Records - Dairy	1
		7
Term 2 (Spring 2021)		
10091108	Quality Milk Production	3
10091106	Dairy Management Applications	3
10091113	Dairy Issues and Advocacy	1
		7
Term 3 (Fall 2021)		
10091115	Nutrition Principles - Dairy	3
10091104	On-Farm Internship 1	1
10804123	Math with Business Applications	3
		7
Term 4 (Spring 2022)		
10091105	Dairy Feeding Management	3
10091107	Dairy Employability and Management	3
10091109	On-Farm Internship 2	1
		7
		TOTAL 28



ANIMAL RECORDS - DAIRY...introduces learner to records management through hands-on applications including the set-up and use of computerized record-keeping software, completion of sample farm record problems utilizing computerized record-keeping systems, as well as the selection and implementation of various computerized record programs. Software tools, such as PCDART, CowManager, and DairyCOMP 305, will be utilized. COREQUISITE: 10091103 Dairy Reproductive Management

DAIRY CATTLE MANAGEMENT...introduces the student to herd health and preventative medicine through understanding cow behavior, signs of illness, metabolic disorders, infectious disease, vaccination programs, and herd records to develop and implement a herd-health protocol. Students will learn and use basic tools and equipment of herd health programs.

DAIRY EMPLOYABILITY AND MANAGEMENT...prepares students to be employees and/or managers on the dairy farm setting. Students will learn about setting goals to reach dairy industry benchmarks, practice basic agricultural Spanish phrases, and develop appropriate dairy farm management and conflict-resolution skills. Team-building activities, mock interviews, and job shadowing will develop skills necessary for successful employment. Students will gather and organize all pieces of their portfolio upon completion of the program.

DAIRY FEEDING MANAGEMENT...provides the student with proper harvesting and storage practices to ensure the best forage for the cow's diet. Students will learn diet specifications for each step of the cow's life cycle, ration formulations, developing feed inventories, and maximizing resource allocations. PREREQUISITE: 10091115 Nutrition Principles - Dairy or 10006144 Nutrition Principles

DAIRY ISSUES AND ADVOCACY...prepares students to be advocates for the dairy industry. With farming becoming more publicized and scrutinized every day, students will learn how to promote and apply these concepts within the industry. Students will learn the skills to talk and respond to dairy farm issues that the industry faces.

DAIRY MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS...provides students with information to build protocols for dairy farm management. Students will learn about the proper environment, health protocols, and the care of cows in each part of their life cycle. DairyCare 365 and the F.A.R.M. program will also be utilized. One-on-one rotations to selected site farms allow students to learn and practice troubleshooting and problem-solving on the farm. COREQUISITE: 10091102 Dairy Cattle Management

DAIRY REPRODUCTIVE MANAGEMENT...prepares participants for the mating and breeding of the dairy herd. Topics include linear evaluation, selection indexes, anatomy, hormonal cycles, artificial insemination, estrus detection, activity monitors, and genomics. Live cattle for artificial insemination practices are featured.

MATH WITH BUSINESS APPLICATIONS...covers real numbers, basic operations, linear equations, proportions with one variable, percents, simple interest, compound interest, annuity, apply math concepts to the purchasing/buying process, apply math concepts to the selling process, and basic statistics with business/consumer applications. PREREQUISITE: 10834109 Pre-Algebra or Math placement assessment equivalent and COREQUISITE: 10838105 Intro Reading and Study Skills or Reading placement assessment equivalent or CONDITION: 610061 Agribusiness/Agronomy Basic program admissions requirements met

NUTRITION PRINCIPLES - DAIRY...instructs students in utilizing basic nutrition skills to analyze rations and complete basic ration formulations. This course introduces the principles of nutrition as presented on a comparative species basis including characteristics, physiological functions, interrelationships, and deficiency symptoms as they pertain to carbohydrates, fats, proteins, mineral elements, and vitamins. COREQUISITE: 10804123 Math with Business Apps

ON-FARM INTERNSHIP 1...provides the student with the ability and skills to perform industry expectations as a dairy herdsman, including milking, feeding, calf care, scheduling, employer/employee communications, and general farm duties. Students work with their internship farm to complete the internship skills checklist. COREQUISITE: 10091115 Nutrition Principles-Dairy

ON-FARM INTERNSHIP 2...provides the student with enhanced skills, beyond the On-Farm Internship 1 course, to perform industry expectations as a dairy herdsman, including milking, feeding, calf care, scheduling, employer/employee communications, and general farm duties. Students work with their internship farm to complete the internship skills checklist. PREREQUISITE: 10091104 On-Farm Internship 1

QUALITY MILK PRODUCTION...introduces the student to the process of how milk is produced and how to harvest it for a maximum profit to the farmer, including the major principles of milk secretion, the anatomy and physiology of the udder, milk letdown, proper milking practices, mastitis, efficient milking systems, and how to properly milk cows as well as treat and prevent udder infections.