

Dairy programs provide hands-on learning

THE college decision is no easy matter for aspiring young people, and the options and programs continue to grow and diversify. The two-year programs on these pages offer dairy-related programming in the form of certificate programs or associate degrees. Many of the programs offer an extensive amount of hands-on learning, as well as options to get involved in dairy clubs, agriculture clubs, dairy judging or dairy challenge competitions.

Of the 30 schools listed, 19 have on- or off-campus dairy herds to provide practical experiences. Many of the others visit local dairies as part of their course work. The hands-on education is furthered by 20 of the schools that require internships for completion of course work. The schools that do not require an internship highly recommend students complete one to better their job prospects upon finishing their degree or certificate programs. All the schools also offer dairy- or agriculture-related clubs and organizations to allow students to further their knowledge outside of the classroom and gain important connections in the industry. McGill also offers a three-year degree.

For updated information on these programs and other schools that offer dairy-related course work, visit our online directory on our Youth Page at www.hoards.com. The next edition of our associate degree and certificate programs directory will be published in 2017.

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10. JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE

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14. MCGILL UNIVERSITY-MACDONALD CAMPUS

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Comparison of two-year dairy animal science programs

College Name	In-state tuition	Out-of-state tuition	# Students	# Ag students	Dairy club	Dairy judging	Dairy challenge	Herd on/off campus	Dairy major	Internship required	Dairy students receiving scholarships	Starting salary
Ag Tech at Virginia Tech	\$6,009	\$14,024	125	50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Both	No**	Yes	Varies	-
Alfred State College	\$5,870	\$9,740	4,600	220	No*	Yes	Yes	On	No**	No	Varies	-
Andrews University	\$25,415	\$25,415	3,550	55	No*	No	No	Both	Yes	Yes	All	\$40 to 50K-
Blackhawk Tech College	\$3,840	\$7,520	1,000	300	No*	No	No	None	No***	Yes	Varies	-
Chippewa Valley Tech	\$125/credit	\$188/credit	6,050	64	Yes	Yes	Yes	Off	No***	Yes	33 percent	\$36 to 42K
Dordt College	\$27,460	\$27,460	1,350	135	No*	No	Yes	None	No***	No	98 percent	-
Eastern Kentucky Univ.	\$7,536	\$16,608	16,000	185	No*	No	Yes	Off	No***	No	20 percent	\$30K+
UW-Madison FISC	\$4,700	\$5,900	130	130	Yes	Yes	Yes	Both	Yes	No	All domestic	-
Fox Valley Tech College	\$143/credit	\$206/credit	8,000	250	No*	Yes	Yes	None	Yes	Yes	12 to 15	\$40K
Joliet Junior College	\$3,600	\$300/unit	5,000	300	No*	No	No	None	No**	Yes	Varies	-
Kaskaskia College	\$3,300	\$12,000	12,000	100	No*	Yes	No	None	Yes	Yes	8	\$37K
L.A. Pierce College	\$46/unit	\$236/unit	20,000	900	No*	No	No	Off	No***	Yes	Varies	-
Lakeshore Tech College	\$125.85/unit	\$188.80/unit	2,100	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	None	Yes	Yes	10 to 12	\$28 to 32K
McGill Univ.-Macdonald	\$1,750	\$2,400	1,800	700	No*	Yes	Yes	On	No**	Yes	Varies	-
Mich. St. Inst. of Ag Tech	\$11,000	\$20,000	3,500	45	Yes	Yes	Yes	Both	Yes	Yes	25	\$35 to 45K
Modesto Junior College	\$46/unit	\$219/unit	19,262	1,200	Yes	Yes	No	On	Yes	Yes	10	-
Morrisville State College	\$6,170	\$10,640	2,900	900	Yes	Yes	Yes	On	Yes	No	50 percent	-
Northcentral Tech College	\$4,026	\$5,859	4,684	115	Yes	No	No	On	Yes	Yes	23	\$14 to 42K
N.E. Iowa Comm. College	\$4,500	\$4,500	5,018	250	Yes	Yes	Yes	On	Yes	Yes	20	\$35K
N.W. Missouri St. Univ.	\$7,612	\$13,446	6,500	545	No*	No	Yes	On	No***	No	Varies	-
OH St. Univ. Ag Tech Inst.	\$7,140	\$22,856	634	634	Yes	Yes	Yes	On	Yes	Yes	10 to 12	\$30 to 50K
Redlands Comm. College	\$4,000	\$6,200	2,200	120	No*	Yes	No	None	No***	Yes	Varies	-
Ridgewater College	\$169/credit	\$169/credit	5,000	265	No*	No	No	None	Yes	Yes	Varies	\$10 to \$14/hour
South Central College	\$4,513	\$4,513	3,100	120	No*	No	No	None	No**	Yes	75 percent	-
S.W. Wis. Tech College	Check website		1,500	100	Yes	No	Yes	None	Yes	No	Varies	\$28 to 30K
SUNY-Cobleskill	\$5,870	\$15,320	2,600	1,300	Yes	Yes	Yes	On	Yes	No	26	\$30 to 35K
Thompson School	\$13,670	\$26,650	12,000	175	Yes	Yes	Yes	Both	No**	Yes	10	\$20 to 40K
Ratcliffe Hicks	\$9,858	\$30,038	56	56	Yes	Yes	Yes	On	No**	No	32	-
Vermont Tech College	\$12,000	\$22,500	1,500	35	Yes	No	Yes	Both	Yes	No	25	\$28 to 60K
WI Indianhead Tech	\$4,900	\$6,900	1,000	20	No*	No	No	None	Yes	Yes	4 to 6	\$29K

Key: *Other ag clubs **Dairy option within other major ***Other agriculture majors



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