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Professional Dairy Producers Foundation Announces Grant Awards

Grants to support programs educating producers, students and consumers

JULY 20, 2023 – DAIRY NEWS – Professional Dairy Producers Foundation, also known as Dairy’s Foundation®, has awarded grants to five programs throughout the country focused on building healthy and vibrant dairy communities.

“We are excited to provide funding to programs that are consistent with our foundation’s strategic vision of a professional, proactive and prepared dairy community.” said Brian Forrest, Dairy’s Foundation board chair and dairy producer from Stratford, Wis. “Dairy’s Foundation works to make a difference in dairy communities across the country, and these grants are made possible thanks to generous support by dairy producers and businesses.”

The following programs will receive funding:

- **Campbellsport School District Agriculture Department**, Campbellsport, Wisconsin: Grant awarded to upgrade animal lab to increase biosecurity, animal welfare and safety for students.
- **Dr. Genie’s Kids Inc./Little Medical School**, St. Louis, Missouri: Grant awarded for a Farm Veterinarian School that will introduce students to several aspects of farm veterinary medicine, including diagnostics, heart and lung function, digestion, immunizations, surgery, and career opportunities.
- **National 4-H Dairy Conference**, Madison, Wisconsin: Grant awarded to support a seminar speaker for this educational conference that provides youth with a better understanding of the operations involved in dairy production, processing, marketing, and use of dairy products while broadening their understanding of careers available in dairy.
- **Tennessee FFA Foundation**, Tennessee: Grant awarded to support the Dairy Cattle Evaluation and Management Career Development Event. This event will cultivate the future of the dairy industry by allowing FFA members to experience a hands-on educational event to develop their knowledge in dairy herd management, selection, and stewardship.
- **Waukesha County Historical Society and Museum**, Waukesha, Wisconsin: Grant awarded to support an Agriculture Legacies Exhibit, which will spotlight farming in Waukesha County – exploring the culture, economic impact, scientific innovations by highlighting past, present, and future farm families. A large portion of the exhibit and programs will center around dairy farming.

Dairy’s Foundation awards dollars to qualified educational programs that build producer professionalism and maintain public trust. The next granting period is ongoing with grant applications due December 1, 2023. Organizations may apply for grants of up to \$10,000. For more information, visit <https://dairyfoundation.org/grant-seekers/>.

Dairy’s Foundation, a national public-held foundation, was established by Professional Dairy Producers in 2002 to raise funds and award grants for educational programs. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 entity. Our mission is to share ideas, resources and experiences about important issues surrounding the dairy industry through educational opportunities for dairy producers and the public.

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