

Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin

ENHANCED INTERNSHIP HOST FARM APPLICATION

Name: Dwight and Shelly Mayer

Farm Name: Mayer Farm

Farm Address: 4965 County Road E, Slinger, WI 53086

Phone Number: Farm: 262-224-5441 Cell: 262-224-6838

Email: smayer@pdpw.org Website: _____

Number of Cattle: 90 Acres: 250 Parlor: No

List three specific goals for your intern to receive during this internship. (What do you want the student to learn?)

1) Hands-on animal handling experience: understand proper day-to-day care of calves and cows; vaccination, herd health with veterinarian, Ov Sync program, vaccination protocols and other SOPs. Responsible for animal care with oversight from management (ex. Wet calf and heifer barns)

2) Day to day management of a working dairy; to include financial, animal care, crop/feed management, genetics, marketing of farmstead beef and also genetics.

3) SOPs, general operations, work directly with management team to include veterinarian, nutritionist, farm consultant and other farm partners.

4) Marketing assistance with farmstead beef business and educational venue/wedding facility.

Applicants are asked to assess their current skill level. What is an acceptable starting level for your student intern? Please indicate in each of the categories below.

| Technical Skills | EXCELLENT | GOOD | FAIR | NO EXPERIENCE |
|----------------------------|-----------|------|------|---------------|
| AI | | | | |
| Business management skills | | | X | |
| Calving assistance | | | X | |
| Computer skills | X | | | |
| Cropping skills | | | | X |
| Feeding-nutrition | | | X | |

| | | | | |
|---------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Herd health issues | | X | | |
| Machinery operation | | | | X |
| Milking processes | | | X | |

Write a brief bio to depict your farm. This will be used as a brief bio on the posted farm listings for potential intern applicants to view (www.pdpw.org). Be sure to include: farm name, contact name, location, herd size and any specialties regarding your farm.

Mayer Farm is a sixth generation dairy farm. Presently, we are milking about 80 registered Brown Swiss and Registered Holsteins. In addition to milk sales, we also sell purebred breeding stock – bulls and springing heifers and other young stock. We do some IVF work – but on a limited basis. We crop around 250 acres.

In addition we sell farmstead beef locally and are building markets.

In 2018, we will begin a new venture in a restored barn – that was built in 1885. We will host farm-to-table events, wedding and agri-tourism and educational events.

Mayer Farm is located at 4965 County Road E, Slinger, WI. The owners are Dwight and Shelly Mayer

Provide any other detail regarding you or your farm operation that may be of value to the applicants when selecting your farm.

Our farm is nestled in the Kettle Moraine area of southeastern WI, just two miles south of Slinger. Nine urban subdivisions either touch or are within 2 miles of our farm. Other than family, we generally have one consistent part-time employee who mixes feed and assists with other projects when needed.

We milk three times a day and enjoy working with our cows that are housed in tie-stall/free-stall facilities.

There are three key priorities at Mayer Farm: Faith, family and farming. The rest is either work or miscellaneous.

Please list any additional questions or concerns.

We will provide room and board to an intern – if needed and a stipend for projects worked on and completed. We very much value education and lifelong learning. We expect the student is serious about learning from our family and will value the time and efforts we employ to make their summer both enjoyable and a valued learning opportunity.