

Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin

ENHANCED INTERNSHIP APPLICATION: MENTOR

Name: Karen Hughes

Farm Name: Sunset Farms Inc.

Farm Address: 6600 Sunset Dr. Allenton, WI 53002

Phone Number: Farm: 262-629-1702 Cell: 262-689-9902

Email: Karen.sunsetfarms@gmail.com Website: X

Number of Cattle: 1900 Parlor: Yes No

milking 880

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

- 1) Herd Health program
- 2) Calves/Heifer program
- 3) Feeding

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				X
Business management skills				X
Calving assistance			X	X
Computer skills			X	X
Cropping skills			X	X
Feeding-nutrition			X	X
Herd health issues			X	X
Machinery operation			X	X
Milking processes			X	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.

We are currently milking 890 cows in a double-12 parallel parlor with a single 8 for hospital cows. We raise most of our own heifers & half the steers. Located at 6600 Sunset Dr., Allenton, WI 53002. We also work 3000 acres of land. Provide any other detail regarding you or your farm operation that may be of value to the applicants when selecting your farm.

We are feeding our calves 3x/day with pastuerized milk from the hospital cows.

Contact Karen Hughes (262) 689-9902

Please list any additional questions or concerns.

Signature Karen Hughes Date: 12/30/13

*Please attach a recent flyer regarding your farm to this application, if you have one.

Sunset Farms Inc. History

Sunset Farms, Inc. is an employee owned farm corporation, established in 1847. The farm of Albert and Mildred Wolf was incorporated in 1972 when a 200-cow dairy was built as a way for the family to work together and enjoy time off. Four sons: Ray, Dan, Bernie and Paul Wolf are the present, 5th generation owners; with minority interest's held by nieces and nephews, the 6th generation and other full time employee owners. Further expansion has occurred gradually, with the 450 cow dairy expansion in 1995, an additional dairy barn in 2001, and in 2009 an addition on the 1995 barn for special needs animals. Working together allows specialization in each area that wouldn't be possible if each had their own farm.

Currently, there are 3000 acres of corn, alfalfa, winter wheat, soybeans, winter rye, oats, and beets being grown on owned or rented land; 900 dairy cows, 780 young-stock, and 400 dairy steers. There are 22 full-time employees, and 3 part-time and seasonal workers. The full-time employees have from 1 month to 39 years of seniority; they include the Wolf's; some local, hard-working farm kids who were hired in high school, and decided to grow with us as a career; and Hispanic dairy workers.

A few of the outside activities that Sunset Farms is involved with include:

- Allenton Vol. Fire Department: Deputy Chief, Captain, fire fighters, Emergency Medical Technicians
- Town of Addison: Seats on the Town Board as a Supervisor, the Zoning Board, the Allenton Sanitary Board, Board of Appeals
- Resurrection Catholic Church
- Allenton Area Advancement Association
- WI Army National Guard
- Summer activities including softball and volleyball leagues.

Many people in Allenton work in other communities during the day. This leads to small communities having difficulty with weekday coverage of emergency services. Sunset Farms is happy to help address that issue in Allenton.

In 1998, 2008 and again this year, we hosted the annual Washington County Breakfast on the Farm ~~and we are very excited to be hosting again this June!~~ Each spring we host about 250 4th grade and K4 students for the FFA chapters' Food For America presentation. Additionally, there are other field days, and planned and impromptu tours. Other church and community causes also see contributions as a result of Albert and Mildred's handiwork including FFA Alumni, Farm Bureau and the Allenton Youth Organization.

Bernie, Paul, Carl and Ed attended the University of Wisconsin - Madison Farm and Industry Short Course in the 70's, 80's and 90's. Karen and Darren are graduates of the University of Wisconsin - River Falls. All of the employees receive continuing education, either through programs put together by the area UW-Extension, PDPW, or other seminars and trade shows of the agriculture, religious, governmental and emergency service sectors. They have become life-long learners focused on personal interests and unique opportunities to advance themselves, and those around them.

Sunset Farms strives to be a progressive business, providing, nutritious and wholesome milk, high-quality agricultural products and positive civic involvement through its employees and families. It is hoped that you come away with a positive view of the importance of agriculture and rural leadership.