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Wanted: farms and students for PDMP internship program

BELLEFONTE, Pa.—Amid the December and January rush to get scholarship applications postmarked and submitted, the winter season is also time for planning a summer internship.

Internships on the dairy farm are mutually beneficial. Students learn hands-on in the cowside environment, while dairy managers benefit from an extra pair of hands on the farm.

Internships also foster connections between university dairy and animal science programs and the farm as well as creating a bridge between generations, which helps to strengthen Pennsylvania's dairy industry for the future.

PDMP serves an important role in matching farms and students for dairy internships. For 2008, three internships were fulfilled: Two at Murmac Farms, Bellefonte and one at Ar-Joy Farms, Cochranville involving students from both Penn State and Del-Val.

As part of the program, each intern is required to write a report about their experience, which are reviewed by the PDMP board for internship award decisions, in the form of scholarships. Award amounts vary; however, past awards have ranged from \$500 to \$1000.

For more information about this very worthwhile program, dairy owners and students should call Chad Dechow at 814-863-3659, or by email at cdechow@psu.edu.

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