Science Serving Vermonters
Dairy Center of Excellence
The University of Vermont
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A New Way to Benefit Dairy Producers
• Forging Partnerships: UVM, Farmers, Industry & Government
• Engaging Vermont Farmers as Research Partners
• Helping Vermont Agriculture Flourish Via on-Farm Research

A Commitment to Internationally-Renowned Research
• Environmental Solutions via Agriculture
• Strategic Agricultural Economics
• Vermont Food Networks & Economy
• Rich Grass Pasture & Forage Cropping
• New Product Development & Marketing
• Rumen Microbiology & Ecology

Direct Engagement with the Agricultural Community

The mission of the Dairy Center of Excellence (DCE) is to create research partnerships between UVM scientists and local private farms, with the over-riding goal of increasing the economic viability of Vermont agriculture. Major topics of research that relate to increased farm viability include: animal nutrition and health maintenance, disease prevention and treatment, animal welfare, calf and heifer rearing, forage research, new dairy-product development, human resource cultivation and development, environmental sustainability, and evaluation and implementation of innovative technologies.

The DCE seeks to recruit research partner farms to support this initiative. The activities of the DCE will be guided by a governing committee composed of agricultural leaders including UVM scientists and representatives of industry, government and private farms. The committee will oversee and develop operating guidelines and procedures for research; they will solicit, evaluate and fund research proposals from UVM scientists. Funding will be used to support all aspects of a research project including compensation of research partner farms for their time, effort and training needed to support a particular research project. A final task of the DCE governing committee is the grow this research enterprise by developing funding partnerships with industry, government and granting agencies.

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