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## Dairy's Foundation



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**The Foundation is proud of the work it is funding. Thank you for your generosity.**

Please take a moment to read about the impact you are making possible through the grant awards and sponsorships your foundation has given. We couldn't do this without you.



**2015 Cornerstone Dairy Academy™** is in its second year of PDPW programming, two dynamic courses, *Influential Leadership* and *Visionary Leaders*, were offered. Participants were trained on a unique suite of communication and leadership skills. Both programs culminated with putting concepts into practice while networking at the PDPW Business

Conference.

**Impact:**

- You are growing the next generation- individuals from 16 states applied and 63 participants were accepted.

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### Join the Conversation!

The Professional Dairy Producers Foundation is **dairy's foundation**, and your **legacy of learning**. If you have any questions, please visit our website at:

[www.dairyfoundation.org](http://www.dairyfoundation.org)

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### Stay Connected



- Participants were a mix of dairy students, producers and industry partners.
- The dairy community is meeting the need for professional soft skill development across the industry.

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## Yahara Pride

**Farms** implements agricultural runoff reduction practices utilizing a resource manager, new conservation technologies, and a farm certification program.



### Impact:

[Watch](#) **Yahara Pride Farms Video**

- 50 farmers attended the Yahara watershed conference in March.
- Discussions on winter spreading and best practices at a nutrient workshop.
- Held 2<sup>nd</sup> Ag Innovation days which was attended by 100 farmers, 13 exhibitors and field experts who experienced a manure spill response demonstration, the effects of cover crops on soil health, latest conservation equipment and best nutrient management practices.
- Hosted a farm tour at Blue Star Dairy.
- Reached 25 new farmers through a cost share program, had 2955 acres in conservation practices and are slated to have 5000 acres in the future.

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## Food Armor™ -WVMA HACCP for Proper Drug Use

is a proactive way to reduce meat and milk residue through a six step program addressing food safety and proper drug use on dairies. This is part of a larger initiative between WVMA and PDPW called *What Matters*.



### Impact:

- The program is being championed throughout WI and across the country.
- 200 meetings and trainings have been conducted to educate dairy producers, veterinarians, meat and milk processors and others interested in food safety.
- The need and acceptance of the program has grown faster than anticipated.
- This program recognizes the value of the Veterinarian/Producer partnership and the continual improvement process.

More information can be found [here](#).

## Professional Dairy Producers Foundation (PDPF) Making Grant Funds Available

PDPF is currently seeking proposal grant applications for programs and educational initiatives that build dairy producer professionalism or public trust in how dairy products are produced. Programs should be consistent with the PDPF vision of a professional, proactive and prepared dairy community. Grant applications are due June 1, 2015. The maximum amount given to any one organization will be \$5000.

Grant applications can be found [here](#).

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