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Professional Dairy Producers Foundation awards grants for education projects in 2014

Juneau, Wis.—The [Professional Dairy Producers Foundation](#) (PDPF) board of directors has made its funding decisions for education projects for dairy producers and their communities. The Foundation is proud to award the following grants:

- The American Guernsey Association to fund the Guernsey Graduate program, a training focused on developing the "soft skills" of dairy leaders ages 21-35.
- The Clean Lakes Alliance for the Yahara Pride Farms program that intends to work with and educate farmers of the Yahara watershed on best management practices in agriculture.
- The Fond du Lac Agriculture Society to enhance their Ag Birthing and Education Center that reaches more than 35,000 people at the Fond du Lac County Fair.
- Dodge County Leaders Association Dairy Youth Advisory Committee for the Dodge County Dairy Education Moo Booth, a program that connects dairy producers to the community with interactive activities at the fair that hosts 59,000 fair goers.
- The Foundation will continue to support the Food Armor WVMA HACCP for Proper Drug use, a program that is part of a larger initiative and partnership between WVMA and PDPW called What Matters: veterinarians and producers working together to ensure safe meat and milk.
- The Kansas State Research and Extension Department of 4-H Youth Development for the Kansas Junior Dairy Exploration program. This expanded program will offer youth the opportunity to prepare to enter the workforce with 21st century knowledge and skills to join the competitive dairy community.
- The Nebraska 4-H Foundation has been approved to receive a grant for the dairy exhibit component of the Nebraska Agricultural Experience, a year round facility for telling the Nebraska agriculture story.

These programs clearly align with the Foundation's mission," says Logan Bower, dairy producer and chair of the Foundation Board. "They provide educational resources that build producer professionalism and maintain public trust in what we do."

The Professional Dairy Producers Foundation awards grants to non-profit organizations who share the Foundation's passion and vision for education in dairy communities. Grant dollars are available to those organizations with unique ideas in the following two focus areas: 1) Building producer professionalism, or 2) Maintaining public trust.

The next granting period begins now, with grant applications due December 1, 2014. Organizations may apply for grants of up to \$5,000. The maximum amount given to any one organization will be \$5,000. For grant criteria and an application package, visit www.dairyfoundation.org.

The [Professional Dairy Producers Foundation](http://www.dairyfoundation.org) is a producer-led 501(c)(3) charitable organization that raises funds for educational programs throughout the United States. The Foundation supports programs that develop the skills of our dairy producers and youth and maintain public trust. For more information on programs funded and ways to donate, visit www.dairyfoundation.org.

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