



MANAGED GRAZING

INNOVATION CENTER

In 2018 Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship launched its own online school, Managed Grazing Innovation Center, which offers custom classes designed specifically to accommodate and enhance the on-farm training of Apprenticeship.

- ◆ Dairy Cattle Health & Wellness
- ◆ Milk Quality
- ◆ Dairy Nutrition, Feed & Feeding
- ◆ Soils & Water Management
- ◆ Farm Business Management
- ◆ Managed Grazing Systems for Dairy Cattle



Why begin your path to farm business ownership with Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship?

As a veteran, you bring a skill set that mirrors those needed to succeed in the dairy industry as an entrepreneur and leader in agriculture.

- Veterans have the proven ability to learn new skills and concepts.
- Veterans understand that teamwork grows out of a responsibility to one's colleagues.
- Veterans understand the rigors of tight schedules and limited resources.
- Veterans are aware of pertinent international and technical trends that impact industry.

We are looking to train the next generation of dairy farmers and business owners.

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FARMING ISN'T JUST A JOB



...IT'S A WAY OF LIFE.

DAIRY  GRAZING
APPRENTICESHIP

DAIRY GRAZING APPRENTICESHIP (DGA)

is the first formal Apprenticeship for farming in the nation. DGA brings current and aspiring dairy farmers together and provides a structure of support for the transfer of knowledge, skills, and farms to the next generation.

APPRENTICESHIP is a proven work-based educational system that has prepared people for skilled occupations for more than a century.

MANAGED GRAZING reduces the use of off-farm inputs, restores water and soil resources, and improves animal health and farm profitability.

Veteran Friendly Organization



DGA is designed to help ensure success for transitioning service members and other beginning dairy farmers. Program completion meets the educational and experience requirements to apply for a beginning farmer loan through the USDA's Farm Services Agency.



"Dairy farming provides the lifestyle we want for our family and allows me to continue to serve the nation by producing high quality food"

**- Matthew Keesling
Dairy Grazing Apprentice and
U.S. Army Veteran**



How Can DGA Help Veterans?

- Fulltime employment and training over a two-year period
- Coaching and support during Master Grazer selection process
- \$4,500 stipend paid in three installments
- Dedicated website for state and local veterans' resources
- Financial planning resources during Apprenticeship and after graduation
- Organized veteran activities outside of DGA
- Use of Educational benefits or VOC Rehab
- Opportunities to advance in management or ownership

EXPLORE OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE! IF DGA LOOKS LIKE A GOOD FIT FOR YOU, APPLY ONLINE.

www.dga-national.org