

July is National Ice Cream Month!



Did you know the average American eats about 4 gallons of ice cream every year!!

IT'S SWEET, IT'S COLD, IT'S A DELICIOUS DAIRY PRODUCT... WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE???!!!

LEARN MORE ABOUT ICE CREAM MONTH HERE

ICE CREAM IS A GREAT WAY FOR US TO STAY COOL IN THE SUMMER HEAT...BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR COWS? HERE IS A GREAT RESOURCE FOR DETECTING HEAT STRESS IN YOUR HERD...



DETECTING HEAT STRESS ARTICLE

Bonnie Haugen Retires from DGA

Congratulations to Bonnie Haugen on your retirement!

Bonnie recently retired from her Education Coordinator duties with DGA. Bonnie has been a part of DGA since the very beginning and we want to wish her all the best!!



Enjoy your retirement Bonnie!

Angie Walter, long time MN Education Coordinator, will now cover the entire state of MN including Bonnie's region.

Welcome

WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST DGA MENTOR:

ELISABETH TARANTINO WOLFES NECK CENTER, ME

CONGRATULATIONS TO DGA'S NEWEST APPRENTICESHIP GRADS!

JOURNEYWORKER: NATHAN TOZIER, ME

JOURNEYWORKER: MADELINE EBY, PA



Mentors! DGA has a discussion forum just for you!

Join us
On the 2nd Tuesday of every
other month from 6:30-8pm
Central for an informal
conversation to build



relationships with other grazing farmers and Mentors...and maybe even bring something back to your own farm that can improve efficiencies, profitability and quality of life.

Please watch your email monthly for the Zoom Link.

Next Scheduled discussion is set for Tuesday, September 121th from 6:30-8pm Central



'WILDFIRE SMOKE AND IT'S IMPACT ON LIVESTOCK'

MONDAY, AUGUST 7TH @ 11:30AM CENTRAL

THIS MONTH'S WEBINAR WILL FOCUS ON THE IMPACTS WILDFIRES AND SMOKE HAVE ON LIVESTOCK. WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME DR. JENIFER CRUIKSHANK FROM OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY TO PRESENT ON THIS TOPIC. QUESTIONS WILL BE WELCOMED FROM ATTENDEES.

**Webinars will now be moderated by DGA's new Apprenticeship Manager, Jessica Matthews.

**Got webinar topic ideas??? Send your suggestions to <u>Jessicam@dga-national.org</u>. If your topic is selected you will receive a DGA hat! **Webinars are recorded and available anytime on the DGA website to all our participants. Go to your dashboard and click the "Resource" button to find them.



Have an upcoming DGA Event? Send it to Dana@dga-national.org to have it placed in our monthly newsletter!

VIEW FULL DGA CALENDAR HERE

JULY 24th: MO 2501 Event, Cloverhill Dairy, Mountain Grove, MO JULY 25th: NY NRCS Event, Sheffer's Grassland Dairy, Hoosick Falls, NY

AUGUST 7th: DGA Monthly Webinar

AUGUST 9-11th: DGA Education Coordinator Retreat, Alexandria, MN

AUGUST 18th: WI NRCS Event, Grass Dairy, Dodgeville, WI AUGUST 18th: WI 2501 Event, Grass Dairy, Dodgeville, WI





MANAGED GRAZING INNOVATION CENTER IS LOOKING FOR INDEPENDENT (1099) INSTRUCTORS! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE PLEASE CONTACT MGIC DIRECTOR, JESSICA DURAN JESSICA@DGA-NATIONAL.ORG

Dairy Promotion Grants Available to New England Farmers, Dairy Groups

Grants are currently available for projects that will be completed before December 31, 2023, in VT, MA, NH, and RI

LEARN MORE HERE



USDA Offers Assistance to Help Organic Dairy Producers Cover Increased Costs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces assistance for dairy producers with the new Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program (ODMAP). ODMAP is established to help mitigate market volatility, higher input and transportation costs, and unstable feed supply and prices that have created unique hardships in the organic dairy industry. Specifically, under the ODMAP, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is making \$104 million available to organic dairy operations to assist with projected marketing costs in 2023, calculated using their marketing costs in 2022.

How to Apply:

FSA offices are accepting applications from May 24 to July 24, 2023. To apply, producers should contact FSA at their local USDA Service Center. To complete the ODMAP application, producers must certify to pounds of 2022 milk production, how documentation of their organic certification, and submit a completed application form.



DGA has joined Farm Commons!

One of the Institutional-Organization benefits includes a coupon code for **30% Off a Farm Commons Producer Membership**, which we can offer to all of our participants. Coupon code valid until **10/31/2023**. Your code is dga30.

DGA HAS ALSO CREATED A FARM COMMON RESOURCE PAGE!! CLICK BELOW TO CHECK IT OUT!

DGA FARM COMMONS PAGE

WE WANT YOUR FARM VIDEOS AND PHOTOS!

WANT TO SHARE THE
CRAZY/WONDERFUL/NOT SO
FUN/AMAZING THINGS THAT HAPPEN
ON YOUR FARM?? FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW
AND YOUR PHOTOS AND CLIPS COULD BE USED ON
OUR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS!

- 1. Start at https://www.dga-national.org/socialupload
- 2. Choose a file from your phone or computer.
- 3. Click the pencil icon to rename the image or video to include your name and location for credit.
- 4. Click the upload button.
- 5. Wait for the "Upload Success" message to ensure everything worked correctly. Longer videos will take some time to complete



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