

APPRENTICESHIP

Apprenticeship is a structured system of training designed to prepare individuals for skilled occupations by combining on-the-job training with related instruction. Apprentices earn while they learn and their skills are nationally recognized.

For 100 years, skilled trades have used Apprenticeship to train certified skilled workers and ensure their standard of training.



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Protect your land and your legacy.
Become a...

MASTER DAIRY GRAZIER



your future is **THE** future of dairy



WHY BECOME A MASTER DAIRY GRAZIER?

Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship gives experienced graziers the opportunity to shape the future of the dairy industry.

SHARE your knowledge and skills within a structured program for mentoring a next generation grazer.

DEVELOP a skilled employee who is prepared for positions in management, partnerships, and farm ownership.

RECEIVE professional financial analysis and business planning support.

Must have a minimum of five years of grazing experience.

EXPLORE new models of investment, equity building, and farm transfer.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE in your own operation as well as in the life of an individual or family who is ready to own or manage a dairy farm.



A NEW CAREER PATHWAY FOR DAIRY FARMERS

Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship is the first accredited Apprenticeship program for farming in the United States.

Our program consists of
4,000 HOURS of training
over a **TWO YEARS** period.

Combining 3712 hours of employment and mentoring under a master grazer and 288 hours of related instruction that include:

- Courses in Pasture Management, Milk Quality, Herd Health, Dairy Nutrition, and Soils, Nutrients, and Composting
- Discussion Groups, Pasture Walks, Farming Conferences, and Networking
- Holistic Management and Professional Development Training

DGA provides business planning for apprentices and masters.

Opportunities are available to graduates to advance into management, equity earning, farm start-up or farm transfer.

DGA is an FSA approved vendor.



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MISSION

Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship is dedicated to providing a guided pathway to independent dairy farm ownership, developing grazing careers, and strengthening the economic and environmental well-being of rural communities and the dairy industry.

Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship (DGA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Its training program in managed-grazing dairy production is a National Apprenticeship registered with the United States Department of Labor-Office of Apprenticeship.

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To find more resources and programs for beginning farmers and ranchers please visit www.Start2Farm.gov, a project of BFRDP.



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