



DGA Names Apprentice of the Year!

Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship is excited to announce Tianne Spicer of Ohio has been named the DGA 2023 Apprentice of the Year!!!

Tianne was nominated 4 times for this honor by her Mentor, her Education Coordinator and DGA Staff.

Tianne has been absolutely amazing this year. She has went above and beyond what our expectations were for her. She milks, keeps records, makes feed, treats foot problems, moves fence, took part in the pasture mapping pilot, keeps records, works extra hours, has done multiple off farm trainings such as OV vet clinic, and much more. She is a hard worker, fast learner, and continues to take on more than we expect. She deserves to be named apprentice of the year.



TIANNE SPICER
DGA Apprentice
of the Year!

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*I'd like to nominate Tianne. From the beginning of her Apprenticeship, she has been actively engaged, attending Open Office Hours with me regularly, is enthusiastic about any opportunities that come her way and more than anything, embraced the NRCS PT grant and the work it required. She learned the PT, how to do the cuts, how to upload them and despite several technical issues (phone, PT machine, uploading issues) she always keeps trying and has a smile on her face. She is such a sweetheart and always enjoyable to talk to.*

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Tianne is entering her third year as an apprentice on the Settlege Farm. She has excelled in every area and is a key member of the team. She has been tasked and trusted with training and

supervising new employees as well as other critical responsibilities on the farm. As Jordan Settlage and his father consider expanding their operation, they are looking to Tianne to take on more management responsibilities. Tianne has kept up with and excelled in her MGIC obligations and has logged an impressive number of discussion hours, demonstrating her interest in and commitment to dairying. Beyond the farm Tianne finds the time to volunteer for missions and as a youth group leader with her church. She is very bright and has been nothing short of a perfect example of what a DGA apprentice should be. I could go on and on about Tianne!

CONGRATULATIONS TIANNE!

National Apprenticeship Week Highlights

DGA celebrated National Apprenticeship Week by honoring our 2023 Apprenticeship Grads! Congrats again Abby Weisberg, Madeline Eby, Nathan Tozier, Mikayla Birschbach, Emily Deier, and Kate Sabino!



APPRENTICESHIP WEEK GIVEAWAY



DGA celebrated some more with social media contests and give aways all week! Congratulations to our contest winners!! They will each take home some DGA swag from our DGA store!

Brandy Miller
Purebred Mini Jersey Society
Jodie Weyland
ProCross

Want some DGA Swag of your own??
You can order anytime from our DGA Store!!

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And finally DGA celebrated National Apprenticeship Week with a live Webinar covering what Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship is all about.

Stay tuned for more live & free webinars

from DGA coming in the new year!



LEARN ABOUT DAIRY GRAZING APPRENTICESHIP
11:30 a.m. CT | Via Zoom |
November 14, 2023

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SUCCESSFUL BEGINNING FARMERS.

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HOW WE CAN HELP YOU!

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VIRTUAL
ROUNDTABLE

'FARMER'S GUIDE TO BUSINESS STRUCTURES'

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH @ 11:30AM CENTRAL

In our upcoming monthly webinar on December 4th
we will be discussing the Farm Commons platform
and what resources are available to our farmers.

PLEASE JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FARM
COMMONS!

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The Zoom Link for the monthly webinars comes directly to your email one week prior to the webinar date.

**\*\*Got webinar topic ideas???** Send your suggestions to [Jessicam@dga-national.org](mailto:Jessicam@dga-national.org). 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.

# In the news

DAIRY GRAZING  
APPRENTICESHIP TRAINS THE  
NEXT GENERATION OF  
FARMERS  
~WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO



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DAIRY INDUSTRY EYES  
INCREASE ECONOMIC,  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
SUSTAINABILITY  
~AGRI PULSE

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CLIMATE-SMART GRAZING ON  
TAP FOR DAIRY PROJECT  
~ HIGH PLAINS JOURNAL



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PROJECT TAKES AIM TO  
CREATE DAIRY TRACEABILITY  
STANDARD  
~DAIRY PROCESSING

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*Have an upcoming DGA Event? Send it to [Dana@dga-national.org](mailto:Dana@dga-national.org) to have it placed in our monthly newsletter!*

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December 6: Climate Smart Commodities Informational Webinar  
December 15: Last day of MGIC Classes  
January 18-19: DGA Board of Directors Winter Retreat



DAIRY  GRAZING  
APPRENTICESHIP



## 'HOW'S THE WEATHER?'

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, January 10th from 6:30-8pm Central



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

**DGA MENTORS/PRODUCERS!!**

WE WILL HOLD AN INFORMATIONAL **CLIMATE**  
**SMART COMMODITIES WEBINAR** ON  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH AT 10AM

## CENTRAL



PLEASE JOIN US TO LEARN MORE AND FOR Q&A!!

ZOOM LINK IS ON THE DGA HOMEPAGE BANNER.

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## 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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Happy You're a  
Cow and Not a  
Turkey Day.



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