



## DGA Begins Work on USDA Climate-Smart Commodities Partnership

Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship (DGA) is thrilled to begin work on their \$4,770,000 Partnership for Climate-Smart Commodities award –

**‘Implementing Precision Ag Tech to Expand the Participation of Small Grazing Dairy Farms in Climate-Smart Commodities’.**

This project will enable small dairy producers to access climate smart grazing technology and engage in a climate-smart marketplace for their products.



The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), through the Partnership for Climate-Smart Commodities, is investing \$325 million into 71 projects that will expand markets for American producers who produce climate-smart commodities, leverage greenhouse gas benefits of climate-smart production, and provide meaningful benefits to producers, including small and underserved producers.

Through the Partnership for Climate-Smart Commodities grant, DGA will provide technical assistance and \$900,000 of direct payment to small-scale dairy farmers to implement climate-smart grazing management. This network of 30 farms will be equipped with PaddockTrac technology and serve as training sites, enabling Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship (DGA) to aid producers in expanding their positive climate impacts while generating revenue. Dairy farmers interested in engaging with this project are encouraged to visit [www.dga-national.org/usda-csc](http://www.dga-national.org/usda-csc) to learn more about the project and to complete an application.



[VIEW FULL PRESS RELEASE HERE](#)

## Dairy Graziers, DGA Wants YOUR Feedback!!

DGA is looking to get YOUR feedback about what kind of programming you'd like us to provide as we continue to grow.

The following brief survey will help us determine what grant funding we should be looking at, how we can best help you and your farm stay relevant, and help to determine the future of DGA's programming.



**THIS SURVEY IS MEANT FOR DAIRY GRAZING PRODUCERS.**

This is an opportunity to have your voice heard and in less than 3 minutes of your time you can help us greatly!

Thank you for your time!

[TAKE DAIRY GRAZING SURVEY HERE](#)

## MGIC FALL SEMESTER STARTS MONDAY, SEPT 25TH!



**MANAGED  
GRAZING**  

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**INNOVATION CENTER**

**MGIC FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN  
We Have New Instructors for Fall Semester!**

FALL Semester Starts SEPTEMBER 25th  
FALL Semester Ends DECEMBER 15th

Classes Offered:

Milk Quality  
Farm Business Management  
Dairy Cattle Nutrition, Feeds, & Feeding  
Dairy Cattle Health & Wellness  
Managed Grazing Systems for Dairy Cattle  
Soil & Water Resource Management  
Holistic Management

VETERANS qualify for MGIC tuition reimbursement with funding support from a USDA AgVets Grant.

MEET YOUR INSTRUCTORS & REGISTER HERE



VIRTUAL  
ROUNDTABLE

## 'THE IMPORTANCE OF MILKING EFFICIENCY'

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 2ND @ 11:30AM CENTRAL**

In our upcoming monthly webinar on October 2nd we will welcome DGA Instructor Paola Bacigalupo Sanguesa to discuss the importance of milking efficiency.

Producers and consultants are quite familiar with the concepts of parlor efficiency and the different steps in milking procedures, but what about milking efficiency?

In this webinar, we're diving deep into the world of milking efficiency, and here's what you'll discover:

- The crucial link between milking efficiency and milking procedures.
- How to pinpoint bottlenecks in your milking parlor.
- Practical strategies to enhance efficiency while prioritizing cow comfort.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to optimize your dairy operations and boost productivity!

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### About Paola:

Paola Bacigalupo-Sanguesa earned her veterinary medicine degree in Chile and a master's degree from Colorado State University. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University, with a focus on milking efficiency. She serves as an Extension Educator at Michigan State University, where she assists dairy producers with issues related to milk quality, parlor and milking efficiency, and employee education.

With over 10 years of experience working with dairy cattle, she has



worked with farms of all sizes and systems, including grazing farms.



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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.**

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CONGRATULATIONS TO DGA'S  
NEWEST APPRENTICESHIP GRAD!

JOURNEYWORKER: KATIE SABINO, ME

*Congrats*

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*Welcome*

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME  
OUR NEWLY APPROVED DGA  
MENTORS!!

CHRIS O'REILLY, MN  
MADDIE CALDERWOOD, VT  
DAVID BAIR, OH  
ROB ZYDENBOS, MO  
RYAN HEINEN, WI

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In the news

DGA Board Member & Mentor,  
Leon Corse and Family Selected as  
Finalist for New England's  
Leopold Conservation Award

[Full Story HERE](#)



DGA Executive Director, Joe  
Tomandl Talks with WI Pubic  
Radio:

An opportunity for everyone:  
Wisconsin farm groups reflect on  
impact of federal sustainability  
funding

[Full Story HERE](#)



*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!*

[VIEW FULL DGA CALENDAR HERE](#)

SEPTEMBER 25: MGIC Fall Semester Begins

OCTOBER 3-6: World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI: Booth TC 575 & 576

OCTOBER 6: New York NRCS Event, Birds All Farm, Canaseraga, NY

OCTOBER 11: DGA Board of Director's Meeting





• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

USDA Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers is looking for new members!

Nominations for the committee are open until October 10th

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)



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



## THE DGA LOGO STORE IS READY FOR YOUR ORDERS!!!!

For every item you purchase \$3 goes back to DGA to support dairy grazing training and initiatives.

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