

Regenerative Micro-Dairy Practicum

Organization:	Doubletree Farm
Organization Address:	3019 HWY 153 Twisp
Hourly Pay:	Between 20-24 hours/week for 10 weeks We can provide 20-24 hours of work a week. The time daily tasks take ebb and flow a bit, but we can always find something to do to make 20-24 hours a week.
Period of Employment:	June 17 – August 30, 2024 3 days per week: Work days will be Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.
Participation Requirements:	Living in the Methow Valley for the summer Housing is provided by Sustainability Pathways All students enroll in UEPP 471 the Campus Sustainability Planning Studio The course meets 2 days per week (3 credits) on Wed & Fri afternoons Optional internship credits are available but not required (up to 8 credits)

Organizational Overview

Doubletree Farm is a WSDA licensed Grade-A dairy located in Twisp. We maintain a milking herd of 10 to 15 Jersey and Jersey-cross cows. The cows raise their own calves until they are weaned, at 3-4 months of age. The herd is milked once a day, and given a 100% grass diet. The cows are grazed in a rotational grazing system in the summer, with regenerative agriculture practices at the heart of our grazing system. In the winter, the milking herd has access to high-quality, locally-grown hay. The milk is processed and sold raw and vat pasteurized at local stores in glass bottles that we wash and reuse.

Position Description

The position will consist of milking cows, moving them to pasture, washing glass milk bottles and filling milk bottles. All the work will start out working closely with a supervisor for 1-2 weeks until everyone (cows and people) feel comfortable. Then it will become entirely independent. The work is about 50 percent outside and 50 percent in an air purified and conditioned room. The work requires 6 a.m. mornings and lifting up to 50 pounds, as well as one Sunday workday a week.

Duties & Responsibilities

The work will mostly consist of milking cows in the mornings starting at 6 a.m. This requires working closely with large animals and lifting as much as 50 lbs. to head height in order to dump the milk into bulk tanks. This work is inside however, doors open and close often to the outside elements. Once cows are milked, they need to be led to the pasture each day. This is an easy half mile, total, walk on flat terrain. Next the milk from the previous day will be processed. This work is in a clean air purified and conditioned room. It will include moving glass bottles into and out of a commercial dishwasher and then filling them with milk with a small pump system that is operated with a foot throttle like a sewing machine.

Required or Desired Qualifications and Experience

A car is required in order to drive to the farm. Each day it is helpful to have waterproof, mud type boots for milking and clothes for getting dirty as well as sun protection and a clean set of waterproof boots for processing milk in. As well as a change of clothes if needed. No experience is necessary, but a willing, can-do attitude is a must.

Educational/Professional Benefits

This work will leave you tired, satisfied and with a new sense of what you are capable of. It will be hard and hot and mundane at times. But it will give you a connection to animals and our beautiful valley that will stay with you for a lifetime.

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