

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Offered in cooperation with the Vermont Technical College, the Farm and Agricultural Resource Management Stewards (FARMS 2 + 2) degree program enables students to make a seamless transition from dairy farm or agribusiness management at VTC to a second two years at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of Vermont. Advanced material relating to the courses taught at VTC is offered at UVM through one of two majors, Animal Science or Agriculture and Resource Entrepreneurship. Successfully completing one of these majors leads to a **Bachelor of Science Degree** in either **Animal Science (ASCI) or Community Development and Applied Economics (CDAE)**.



The FARMS program offers excellent internship opportunities. Renee Nadeau participated in a six-month internship at Poulin Grain as well as an eighteen-month internship at Vermont Technical College where she managed VTC's dairy herd.

Also, students spend a semester at Miner Agricultural Research Institute, which provides a "total immersion" that focuses entirely on the real problems of managing a dairy farm. Students live at the Miner Institute in Chazy, New York for the spring semester of their junior year.

PROGRAM GOALS

During the four-year UVM/VTC FARMS 2 + 2 degree program it is expected that the following competencies will be gained:

- Understanding dairy businesses as systems
- Communication skills needed for coaching a management team
- Autonomous, lifelong learning
- Confidence in application of technical knowledge

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- An interest in and proven aptitude of the Vermont Dairy Industry
- A minimum SAT score of 1300
- Graduate from high school college preparatory program in the top 25% of your high school class

TRANSFER

Students may transfer into the UVM/VTC FARMS 2 + 2 degree program from other colleges at the third year level. The University's Office of Transfer Affairs is able to help determine the exact transfer of credits, but it is advisable that a core of courses, similar to the VTC curriculum, be taken.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Vermont Legislature, through the Vt. Department of Agriculture, with generous industry support, provides full tuition scholarships for Vermont residents who begin the program at VTC and maintain at least a B grade average each year of their college career. The amount of the scholarship is the current year's full tuition cost at either VTC or UVM. At this printing, we are fully funded for 5 scholarships per school year—total of 20 scholarships across 4 years.

In addition to the Vermont Department of Agriculture's scholarship program, students may be eligible for a number of other scholarships. Students seeking scholarship advice should consult with their UVM/VTC Coordinator.



The Vermont Tech Dairy Challenge Team won national honors at the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge held at Michigan State University in April of 2003.

TRIPS

Students have the opportunity to attend national expositions and conferences as well as tour farms throughout the United States.



UVM/VTC FARMS 2 + 2 students visit a farm in California.

CONTACT INFORMATION

*Yes, I am interested in learning more about the
UVM/VTC FARMS 2 + 2 degree program:*

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