



SUMMER EXPERIENCE in FARM MANAGEMENT

Students will get experience in aspects of everyday farm management practices such as milking, herd health, calves, and a variety of field work activities such as tillage, planting, and harvest. The students will also fit and show a string of dairy cattle at the local county fair.

Students will have the opportunity to enroll in an Artificial Insemination certification course offered in cooperation with personnel from a bull stud. This optional course will be offered at a minimal cost per student and this may be handled as a payroll deduction throughout the summer.



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Miner Institute Dairy Research Facility

ABOUT MINER

The William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute is located in Chazy, New York, about 40 miles south of Montreal in the Champlain Valley. For more than a quarter century, Miner Institute has conducted programs in education and research, foremost of which are in-residence undergraduate programs in agriculture and environmental science. The Summer Experience in Farm Management offers credits through a combination of workshops and independent study. Modern facilities enable students to combine the commercial farm experience with applied management research.

The William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute consists of 8,600 acres of land, including many miles of hiking and biking trails available to students. A dairy facility, newly constructed in 2008, houses approximately 300 registered Holstein cows in an automated free stall barn and 16-stall tie-stall barn used for conducting research trials. Miner Institute also breeds, trains and shows a herd of approximately 25 Morgan horses.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Summer Experience in Farm Management introduces students to the modern farm as a business, which has as its objective the conversion of plants into milk and meat. All students will be asked to work long hours on occasion, but no more so than would normally be expected on a dairy farm. Students work approximately every other weekend.

Weekly meetings update the students about farm activities; a combination of dairy, crops and equine. Extended sessions on relevant topics such as nutrition, reproduction, mastitis management, animal health, and field crops will be held throughout the summer. Instructors include Miner Institute faculty members Katie Ballard, Kurt Cotanch, Heather Dann, Wanda Emerich, Rick Grant, Karen Lassell, Eric Young and graduate students. The small class size makes it possible to at least partially tailor the program to meet the needs of each student. Students interested in careers in veterinary medicine, farm management, vocational agriculture and agricultural extension have found this program to be particularly useful.

Each student also becomes involved in an independent study project analyzing an aspect of Miner Institute's farm management, such as reproduction, nutrition, nutrient management, herd health, and calf management. Each student will work with a faculty member to plan, organize, and summarize the project.

This program is available to agriculture and life science students in their junior or senior years of study. Students are encouraged to register for college credit at their home institution. Students are responsible for making arrangements for credits. This program is designed as a 4-credit course, although other arrangements may be made through the student's home institution.

Each student's stipend for the 13-week semester is \$3,000. The students live at Miner Institute, where dormitory housing and breakfast and lunch each weekday are provided at a total cost of \$300 for the summer session.