

DAIRY AND FOOD ANIMAL MANAGEMENT, BS

WISCONSIN EXPERIENCE

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In the Dairy and Food Animal Management program, 100 percent of students complete an internship or field experience. Students will work with their faculty mentor to explore internship opportunities and establish goals.

UW-Madison's proximity to farms, agribusinesses, and events such as Dairy Expo provide undergraduates with unique internships and valuable hands-on learning. Students can be directly involved with meat processing and sales at Bucky's Varsity Meats, providing real life experiences.

Internship opportunities from industry collaborators are dispersed to students via department communications.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Many students complete a research project under mentorship from a faculty member. Animal and Dairy science faculty are internationally recognized specialists in nutrition, genetics, lactation, reproduction, animal welfare, herd management, and more. Students can take on research projects with faculty members for either course credit or pay, depending on the opportunity.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Badger Dairy Club (<https://win.wisc.edu/organization/badgerdairyclub/>) is a large, motivated student organization on campus with members from various majors who share a passion for the dairy industry. Highlights of the club's activities include work at the World Dairy Expo and club trips.

The Saddle & Sirloin Club (<https://win.wisc.edu/organization/saddleandsirloin/>) hosts various livestock shows, such as the Lamb Show.

The Poultry Club (<https://www.facebook.com/PoultryClubUWMadison/>) and Badger Meat Science Club (<https://www.facebook.com/badgermeatscienceclub/>) are active department clubs offering students unique opportunities to be involved with events and networking opportunities within their respective industries.

Students in these organizations volunteer and participate in events such as Wisconsin 4-H competitions, FFA Judging Contests, and club trips. These clubs also offer student opportunities to be in leadership positions and develop soft skills.

There are other opportunities for students to get involved in agriculture-related organizations on campus such as Collegiate FFA (<http://collegiateffamadison.weebly.com/>), Association of Women in Agriculture (<http://awamadison.org/>), Babcock House (<https://win.wisc.edu/organization/babcockhouse/>), and Alpha Gamma Rho (<https://win.wisc.edu/organization/agr/>).

COMPETITIVE TEAMS

Students can join competitive teams that take part in Intercollegiate Dairy Judging (<https://andysci.wisc.edu/uw-madison-dairy-judging/>), the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge (<https://andysci.wisc.edu/national-north-american-intercollegiate-dairy-challenge/>), and the Intercollegiate Riding Teams (<https://win.wisc.edu/organization/wisconsinequestrianteam/>).

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

Dairy and Food Animal Management students are encouraged to study abroad. Students can find more information on the International Academic Programs website (<https://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu/>) and the CALS study abroad advising page (<https://cals.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate-students/international-programs/study-abroad-advising/>).

In addition to study abroad programs, the department offers globally focused courses that look at animal agriculture, sustainable development, improvement in developing countries, and the world role of U.S. animal agriculture, and food production related to human and environmental health, land use, and social justice.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

Students volunteer at a number of activities directed by Badger Dairy Club, Saddle & Sirloin, Poultry Club, and the Meat Science Club. Students have the unique opportunity to be directly involved in the working behind the scenes before, during, and after the shows and events.

On campus, the Morgridge Center for Public Service (<https://morgridge.wisc.edu/>) provides resources to help students connect with volunteer opportunities based on their interests and goals.