

The logo for the North Dakota Dairy Diagnostic Program is contained within a black outline of the state of North Dakota. The text is centered and reads: "North Dakota Dairy Diagnostic Program" in a bold, sans-serif font.

**North Dakota
Dairy
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Program**

Plan Your Future

A program for dairy farm families to increase profitability and quality of life through teamwork

A process to improve:

Dairy Productivity • Farm Profitability
Family Goal Planning • Business Success

Project Objectives

The North Dakota Dairy Farm Diagnostic Program (ND3P) is designed to help dairy farm families solve the many challenges facing their industry. It involves using a small team approach to evaluate suggestions and monitor progress in a cooperative environment.

Process includes:

1. One-on-one educational delivery in a team setting.
2. Provide appropriate and new technologies to the dairy operation.
3. Enhance the financial success and long-term sustainability of dairy farms in North Dakota.
4. Provide assistance in areas such as:
 - Estate Planning/Farm Transfers
 - Farm Business Management
 - Nutrition and Feed Management
 - Herd Health
 - Reproduction
 - Housing/Ventilation/Lighting
 - Manure Management
 - Milk Quality and Components
 - Planning Dairy Expansion Projects
 - Stray Voltage Investigation
 - Labor Management
 - Setting Farm and Family Goals

Assisting Dairy Producers With Steps Toward Increasing Profits

1. **Identification**
Help identify barriers to your production and business goals.
2. **Diagnosis**
Plans of action are suggested, changes monitored, and progress evaluated.
3. **Generating Alternatives**
Working together, positive problem solving measures and solutions can be evaluated, implemented and accomplished.

Participants Will Receive

- Assistance in organizing their personal Dairy Diagnostic Team.
- A complete analysis of the dairy farm by diagnostic team members.
- Financial assistance for specific services and needs.
- Help in setting goals and monitoring farm and progress.
- Follow-up visits and written reports by the team facilitator.
- Training and resource materials.
- All records will be confidential.

Requirements for Application

To qualify for this self-help program, you must:

- Be keenly interested in enhancing your farm profitability and production levels
- Intend to have a future in dairying
- Have in place or willingness to develop enterprise or farm business management records
- Be willing to share your diagnostic team experiences with other dairy farmers and industry supporters
- Be willing to make changes that improve profitability or business efficiency
- Follow the goals and intent of the program

For more information . . .

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