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JUNE 2007 INTERNS & HOSTS

We've already sent you the list... REMEMBER: you must complete all the documents that we re-sent to you in the certified mailing in order to receive the balance of your additional educational funds (\$1050, minus any educational expenses). Remember the dates:

June 7: Date June 2007 entries must stay through in order to be considered officially completing the program

June 21: Official program end date for June 2007 entries

June 22 (end of Cal Poly program date): Program insurance ends; if you are staying on, you MUST pay for another month of insurance.

July 21: Date June 2007 entry interns must leave the country in order to be legal.

MONEY IS ONLY RETURNED THROUGH GLOBAL COW. HOSTS CAN NOT ASSIST WITH THIS. IT IS THE INTERN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MEET THE DEADLINES.

JUNE 2008 INTERNS

... are now getting visas. HOSTS: if you still wanted to have an intern, but have not let us know, call NOW to get on the list! We will only have interns available according to visa denials or approvals...

IMPORTANT: INSURANCE CHANGE

We have changed health insurance companies. Some important things to know:

- *Monthly rates are now only \$60 instead of \$114.
- *Your May 15th billing already reflects this. (HOSTS: reset the deductions in your computer systems!)
- *The deductible increased from \$20 per incident to \$100 per incident.
- *Hosts are responsible for the \$100 deductible if the incident is farm-related.
- *Interns are responsible for the \$100 deductible if the incident is non-farm related.
- *Emergency palliative dental insurance has increased from \$200 per year to \$350.
- *Interns: watch your emails for new insurance cards.

TRAINING PLANS

... due May 15th for the April 2008 entries!

WORLD DAIRY EXPO INFORMATION

... included with this newsletter. Enjoy!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to all having birthdays this next month May 15-June 15. Happy Birthday!

Alvaro Mendez, COLOMBIA	May 21
German Gaitan, COLOMBIA	May 22
Alvaro Cevallos, PERU	May 23
Kiran Tyler, USA	May 24
Miguel Espinola, PARAGUAY	May 29
Jaime Lema, ECUADOR	May 31
Julie Potter, USA	June 8

NEXT CAL POLY COURSE

... is in June, arrival on June 16 and departure on June 22. All current interns should already have received the mailing about this course.

SAFETY FIRST!

We had a call from a host this past month about an intern who wears baggy clothing around tractors. INTERNS: remember that loose fitting clothing CAN get caught in PTO shafts... and suck you in... You would surely be severely injured; death is also possible. PLEASE pay attention to what the hosts say is acceptable! If you are not dressed appropriately, the hosts can refuse to let you work.

DATE CHANGE FOR JUNE 2008 ENTRY

Due to very late release from school this year for Brattleboro, VT—due to record snow fall—we are postponing the orientation by one week. Interns will arrive on June 25, and go to their host farms on June 28.

ASSIST WITH EDUCATING CONSUMERS

An open invitation from one of our hosts, Liz Doornick of Jon-De Farms in Baldwin, WI: As Co-Chair of this new nationwide organization, I am reaching out to friends within the industry to join AFACT. AFACT (American Farmers for the Advancement and Conservation of Technology) has a mission to provide the consumer safe, wholesome and nutritious food at a good value as well as factual and truthful information regarding the advances in modern technology. It is our desire to safeguard the image of modern agricultural products in the market place, support the advancements in modern agriculture that would benefit food production both domestically and internationally and educate all in the food chain that "sustainable" agriculture utilizes advancements in modern agriculture to produce safe, nutritious and affordable foods that meet social, environmental and economical responsibilities.

Contact Liz at liz@jondefarm.com or 715 684 2418.



Navin Bhandari, NEPAL, at Winch farm in WI.

INTERESTING WEBSITE

A fun website for you: www.crazyforcows.com

DID YOU KNOW?

In an average year, more than 800 tornadoes touch down in the USA, more than any other country. The weather forecaster mentioned that we have already passed that number this year, and we would not normally see this until August. Not counting this year's storms (as the source was already printed), the worst tornado storms for number of deaths:

Date	States	# of Deaths
3/18/1925	IL, IN, MO	695
5/7/1840	MS	317
5/27/1896	MO	255
4/5/1936	MS	216
4/9/1947	OK	203

FUN STATE INFO: NEBRASKA

Nebraska was the 37th state to join the Union, in the year of 1867. Its capital is Lincoln, and it is the 15th largest state. It has the only unicameral (one-house) legislature, and 400-foot-tall capitol that does NOT resemble the national capitol in Washington, DC. Its name comes from the Indian name for its principal river, which meant "flat river". The state, too, is quite flat (and tree-less)—although a tree-planting program has created a man-made forest of more than 24,000 acres.



A large underground water reserve helps Nebraska raise the wheat, corn, alfalfa, cattle and hogs that are its chief products; 3 million acres are irrigated. *Source: The Book of the States*

Left: **Wilson Calderon, ECUADOR,** with Dr. Les Ferreira at Cal Poly.

Right: **Ivan Landivar, ECUADOR,** and **Diego Granda, ECUADOR** at Summit Farms in WI.

TORNADOES & SPRING WEATHER

With the death toll from tornadoes so high this year, we are repeating our tornado information from last month! Remember that these storms are not common elsewhere in the world, and interns have no idea what to expect or how to deal with the danger...

HOSTS: please talk with your interns about the dangers and safety precautions necessary for the spring thunderstorms and tornadoes. The USA is quite unique in its weather!

INTERNS: Ask what to do now, so that you are prepared!

DATES TO NOTE

2008

May 15: Mandatory return of training plans for April 2008 entries.

June 7: Date June 2007 entries must stay through in order to be considered officially completing the program

June 16-22: (Monday-Sunday) Cal Poly course in CA

June 21: Official end date for the June 2007 entries

June 25-28: Orientation (*DATE CHANGED*)

July 21: Date June 2007 entry interns must leave the country in order to remain legal

Aug: Probable Midwest farm visits

Sept 1: Intern application deadline for January

Sept 15-21: (Monday-Sunday) Cal Poly course

Sept 27-30: Orientation

Sept 28: Date September 2007 entries must stay through in order to be considered officially completing the program

Sept 30-Oct 4: World Dairy Expo 2008

Dec 1: Intern application deadline for April 2008 entries

Dec 8-14: (Monday-Sunday) Cal Poly course

Dec 21: Date January 2008 entries must stay through in order to be considered officially completing the program

