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November 2007

JANUARY 2008 TRAINEES

... have paperwork now in hand, and are getting their visas.

ORIENTATION

The next orientation starts on January 4th. Trainees go to their host farms on January 7th.

JANUARY 2007 TRAINEES & HOSTS

Congratulations, you are coming to the end of your year! We will send each host and each trainee a list of documents still needed. These documents must be completed in order to get the balance of your refund (\$700). Remember the dates:

Dec 28: Date Jan 2007 entry trainees must remain on the program in order to complete the program

Jan 11: Official program end date for Jan 2007 entries

Feb 11: Date Jan 2007 entry trainees must leave the country in order to be legal.

APRIL 2008 TRAINEES

APPLICANTS: The deadline for TRAINEE applications is December 1. If you have a friend that would like to participate, please let them know!

HOSTS: If you wish to have a trainee in April 2008, please let us know. We will place those trainees by mid December. With the new program rules

CAL POLY COURSE IN NOVEMBER

Those who are going to Cal Poly in November/December should have all their travel information into us by now! If you still think you are going, you should CALL FIRST to see if there is room! (You've missed the deadline.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to all having birthdays this next month, November 15—December 15. Happy Birthday!

Robert Huho, TANZANIA
Ronald Marino, PERU
Lucian Komba, TANZANIA
Abdelghanni Laoussi, MORROCO
Wendell Mejia, NICARAGUA

November 18
November 22
December 5
December 11
December 11



PHOTOS FROM TRAINEES

Thanks for the photos to Harvinder Singh, INDIA, with his host farm or Hill Top Dairy, NE.

COLD WEATHER

The cold is coming again! **HOSTS:** please remember to check in with your trainees about their clothing. Many trainees have never experienced temperatures less than 50 degrees, and don't know how to dress. They also probably don't have the correct clothing. **TRAINEES:** Listen to your hosts! Wear the appropriate clothing—which includes no more shorts or flip flops in the house, too! If you need warmer coats or boots, talk to your hosts about options.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our condolences are extended to the family of Tracy Hastings, who died in early October in a tragic accident at Kleinpeter Farms in Louisiana. Tracy and her husband, manager Tim, were the main contacts for the three trainees on the program there. We wish them all the best during this very sad time.

TALLIES FROM WORLD DAIRY EXPO

At our booth at Expo, we ask all who pass by to sign from their country—or their state. This year, we had 31 states sign, and 65 countries. Wow!

2008 CALENDAR

For the past two years, Global Cow has made a calendar to give to trainees and hosts at Christmas time. This year-at-a-glance version shows all the entry dates, Cal Poly dates, and Expo dates. We know, though, that most dairies receive many calendars. Based on feedback we've received, we're only sending this year's calendar to the trainees—unless hosts tell us to send them one, too!

DID YOU KNOW

Below is the average herd sizes of the top 15 states in total milk production. We've listed them by their state ranking, so you can more easily compare.

- 1) California—908
- 2) Wisconsin—85
- 3) New York—107
- 4) Idaho—707
- 5) Pennsylvania—64
- 6) Minnesota—85
- 7) New Mexico—2,088
- 8) Texas—453
- 9) Michigan—126
- 10) Washington—389
- 11) Ohio—78
- 12) Iowa—92
- 13) Arizona—1,331
- 14) Indiana—94
- 15) Vermont—121

Source: *Progressive Dairyman magazine*

FUN STATE INFO: CALIFORNIA

The 31st state to join the union is California, in 1850. It's capital is Sacramento, and it is our most populous state. In 1849, the gold rush brought some 80,000 people... and since this, the state continues to draw many, for work, farming opportunities, and retirement. It has a 1,200 mile coastline, fertile valleys, the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Mojave and Colorado deserts, gold, silver, iron and ore. The "golden state" (so named because of its grasses' coloring) has drawn many over its history. And it continues to grow in dairying: it ranks as top additional milk production increases for 10-year growth, 3-year growth and 1-year growth.

Source: *The Book of the States & Progressive Dairyman magazine*

DATES TO NOTE

Nov 15: Cal Poly course enrollments due

Nov 22, 23: Office closed for Thanksgiving.

Nov 26-Dec 9: December Cal Poly course

**NOTES: TRAVEL IS DIFFERENT! Monday travel through Sunday travel AND this is the final two-week course. Cal Poly course will be only one week as of 2008. If you want to go, you must pay the entire \$2,400 or give a credit card guarantee.*

Dec 1: Deadline for April 2008 trainee applications

Dec 24, 25: Office closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas.

Dec 28: Date Jan 2007 entry trainees must remain on the program in order to complete the program

Dec 31: Office closed for New Year's Eve.

2008

Jan 1: Office closed for New Year's Day.

Jan 4-7: Orientation

Jan 11: Official program end date for Jan 2007 entries.

Feb 11: Date Jan 2007 entry trainees must leave the country in order to be legal.

March 15: Date April 2007 entries must stay through in order to be considered officially completing the program.

March 17 -23: (Monday-Sunday) Cal Poly course

March 29: Official program end date for April 2007 entries.

April 4-7: Orientation

April 29: Date April 2007 entry trainees must leave the country in order to be legal.

May: Florida Tech Course

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

June 16-20: Orientation

June 21: Official end date for the June 2007 entries.

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

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

Sept 27-30: Orientation

Sept 30-Oct 4: World Dairy Expo 2008

Dec 1- 7: (Monday-Sunday) Cal Poly course