



## **DGA CELEBRATES NATIONAL JUNE DAIRY MONTH!**



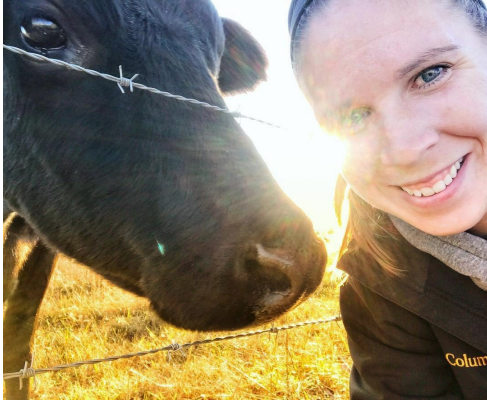
FARMING ISN'T FOR THE FAINT OF HEART...DGA WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE DEDICATION IT TAKES TO BE A SUCCESSFUL DAIRY FARMER NOT ONLY DURING JUNE DAIRY MONTH, BUT YEAR ROUND.

WE ARE DAIRY FARMERS...AND EVERY MONTH IS DAIRY MONTH FOR US!

[LEARN MORE ABOUT DAIRY MONTH HERE](#)

## **DGA WELCOMES MORE NEW STAFF**

**Ashley Hughes Joins DGA Team as new Producer Services Manager.**



Ashley will be the hub between our Mentors and PaddockTrac along with many other services. Ashley will also be teaching the Managed Grazing Dairy Systems Class in MGIC.

**ASHLEY HUGHES**  
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### **Sarah Ficken Joins DGA Team as new Grants Project Manager.**

#### **A little bit about Sarah:**

Sarah is a first generation dairy farmer in Central NY. The thing she enjoys most about farming is getting to be an active part of the ecosystem. Her favorite cow is named Plum and her favorite chore is moving cows to fresh grass. She has a B.S. in Natural Resources from Cornell University and a M.S. in Agriculture from Washington State University. She is passionate about building just and resilient food systems. She has 10 years of experience supporting farmers through her roles at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County and NOFA-NY.



When not farming, Sarah enjoys picnics "up the hill" with her family, embroidering slightly irreverent wall hangings, and drinking coffee.

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## **MGIC SUMMER SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**



**MANAGED  
GRAZING**  
INNOVATION CENTER

**MGIC SUMMER REGISTRATION WILL OPEN JUNE 26TH**

Summer Session Starts July 10th  
Summer Session Ends August 18th

Classes Offered:  
Milk Quality  
Farm Business Management  
Dairy Cattle Nutrition, Feeds, & Feeding  
Dairy Cattle Health & Wellness  
Managed Grazing Systems for Dairy Cattle

VETERANS qualify for MGIC tuition reimbursement with funding support from a USDA AgVets Grant.

LOGIN TO REGISTER HERE



MANAGED GRAZING INNOVATION CENTER IS LOOKING FOR INDEPENDENT (1099) INSTRUCTORS! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE PLEASE CONTACT MGIC DIRECTOR, JESSICA DURAN [JESSICA@DGA-NATIONAL.ORG](mailto:JESSICA@DGA-NATIONAL.ORG)

Mentors!  
DGA has a discussion forum just for you!

Join us  
On the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8pm Central for an informal conversation to build relationships with other grazing farmers and Mentors...and maybe even bring something back to your own farm that can improve efficiencies, profitability and quality of life.



Please watch your email monthly for the Zoom Link.

Next Scheduled discussion is set for Tuesday, July 11th from 6:30-8pm Central



# VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE

**NO JULY WEBINAR DUE TO 4TH OF JULY  
HOLIDAY**

**NEXT SCHEDULED WEBINAR:  
MONDAY, AUGUST 7TH @ 11:30AM CENTRAL**

\*\*Webinars will now be moderated by DGA's new Apprenticeship Manager,  
Jessica Matthews.

\*\*Got webinar topic ideas??? Send your suggestions to  
[Jessicam@dga-national.org](mailto:Jessicam@dga-national.org). If your topic is selected you will receive a DGA hat!

\*\*Webinars are recorded and available anytime on the DGA website to all our  
participants. Go to your dashboard and click the "Resource" button to find them.



*Have an upcoming DGA Event? Send it to  
[Dana@dga-national.org](mailto:Dana@dga-national.org) to have it placed in our monthly  
newsletter!*

[VIEW FULL DGA CALENDAR HERE](#)

JUNE 26TH: MGIC Summer Registration opens  
JULY 7TH: Maine NRCS Event, Wolfe's Neck Center, Freeport, ME  
JULY 10th: MGIC Summer Semester Begins  
JULY 13th: NY NRCS Event, Heaven Scent Farm, Bath, NY  
JULY 25th: NY NRCS Event, Sheffer's Grassland Dairy, Hoosick Falls, NY  
AUGUST 8-9: DGA Mentor Grazing Summit, Alexandria, MN

# In the news



LEARNING BY DOING: APPRENTICE PROGRAM  
GROOMS FUTURE HERDSMAN

BY: RICHARD SIEMERS  
FEATURED IN: THE LAND

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DGA'S New York Education Coordinator, Camila Lage Featured on AgClips:  
June is Dairy Month! Cornell Cooperative Extension's Camila Lage shares information about Dairy Month in Southwest NY



[Read Full Story HERE](#)

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DGA's 1st NRCS PaddockTrac Demo of the year!!  
Mariposa 4, Granby, MO





## **Dairy Promotion Grants Available to New England Farmers, Dairy Groups**

**Grants are currently available for projects that will be  
completed before December 31, 2023, in VT, MA, NH, and RI**

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)



### **USDA Offers Assistance to Help Organic Dairy Producers Cover Increased Costs**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces assistance for dairy producers with the new Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program (ODMAP). ODMAP is established to help mitigate market volatility, higher input and transportation costs, and unstable feed supply and prices that have created unique hardships in the organic dairy industry. Specifically, under the ODMAP, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is making \$104 million available to organic dairy operations to assist with projected marketing costs in 2023, calculated using their marketing costs in 2022.

#### **How to Apply:**

FSA offices are accepting applications from May 24 to July 24, 2023. To apply, producers should contact FSA at their local USDA Service Center. To complete the ODMAP application, producers must certify to pounds of 2022 milk production, how documentation of their organic certification, and submit a completed application form.



DGA has joined Farm Commons!

One of the Institutional-Organization benefits includes a coupon code for **30% Off a Farm Commons Producer Membership**, which we can offer to all of our participants. Coupon code valid until **10/31/2023**. Your code is **dga30**.

**DGA HAS ALSO CREATED A  
FARM COMMON RESOURCE PAGE!!  
CLICK BELOW TO CHECK IT OUT!**

DGA FARM COMMONS PAGE

## WE WANT YOUR FARM VIDEOS AND PHOTOS!

WANT TO SHARE THE  
CRAZY/WONDERFUL/NOT SO  
FUN/AMAZING THINGS THAT HAPPEN  
ON YOUR FARM?? FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW  
AND YOUR PHOTOS AND CLIPS COULD BE USED ON  
OUR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS!



1. Start at <https://www.dga-national.org/socialupload>
2. Choose a file from your phone or computer.
3. Click the pencil icon to rename the image or video to include your name and location for credit.
4. Click the upload button.
5. Wait for the "Upload Success" message to ensure everything worked correctly. Longer videos will take some time to complete



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