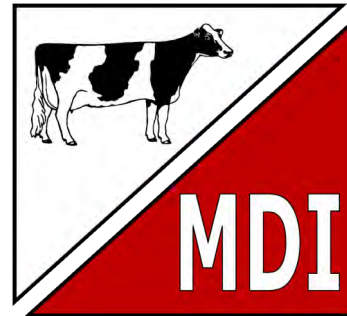


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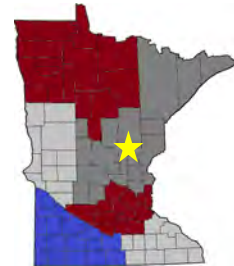
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MDI's mission is to help existing and potential dairy producers succeed through team-based on-farm education, resources, and networking

*"Our team helps get us the right help at the right time and keeps us moving ahead. It is still up to us to accomplish our goals, but it is a whole lot easier with support of experts in our field."*

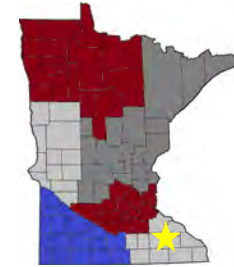
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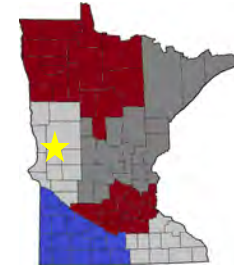
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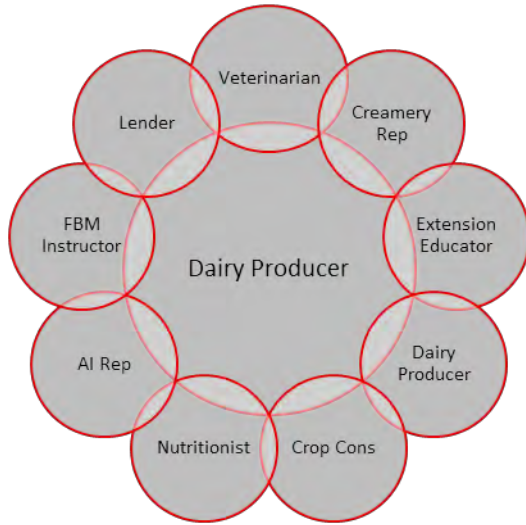
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## Program Details

- The program is available to all dairy producers regardless of size or production. Those who are open to change and have a sincere desire to stay in the dairy business benefit the most from the program.
- The program is flexible and custom-fit to the needs of each dairy. The producer selects their own diagnostic team members. Typical teams have 3-6 members and can include:



- The average team meets 2-4 times per year to review progress and goals. Teams stay working together for as long as the producer is on the program.

## Program Cost

Dairy producers participating in the Minnesota Dairy Initiative program pay an annual program fee of \$200.

## Scholarships

Scholarships of up to \$500 are available for each farm to help advance their operation.

## Your Team can assist you with...

- Estate planning/farm transfer
- Current production
- Calf & heifer performance
- Heifer growth/reproduction
- Feed management & nutrition
- Reproduction
- Herd health
- Profit margins
- Grant opportunities
- Family communication
- Facility improvements/expansion
- Forage Production
- Transition to Organic

## Your Coordinator will help...

- With the selection of your professional team
- Organize your initial farm diagnostic visit and follow up session with your diagnostic team
- Identify key opportunities for your dairy operation based on your initial meeting
- Prioritize opportunities and develop a plan of action
- Keep you and team informed by monitoring progress and providing written evaluations and reports
- Schedule meetings for you with your team or a part of your team
- Adjust goals to meet the needs of your dairy operation
- Help you network with dairy professionals

## What MDI Farms Say...

*"The MDI program has been essential to the growth and development of our dairy farm over the years. The team meetings, resources and ideas we get from agriculture professionals help us to ensure that we're making the right choices for our farm!"*

- Dairy Producer, McLeod County

*"Working with MDI, I have been much more able to understand my financial numbers. To any young farmer out there, I highly recommend working with MDI. I was once told that, in order to be successful, you need to have the right team around you. I feel I have the best team out there."*

- Dairy Producer, Stearns County

# APPLICATION

**Complete and return this application to:  
Leah Bischof, 25554 Co. Rd. 136, Saint Cloud, MN 56301**

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Herd Size: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Acres: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why do you want to participate? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What do you hope to learn/accomplish? \_\_\_\_\_

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