Food Animal Production Medicine
Clinical Rotations

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Dairy Practice Update

- Dairy industry has recovered from 2009
  - Producers and veterinarians are more optimistic
  - Genomics, ET, and IVF are creating new jobs
  - Job market is opening up a bit

- Wisconsin is the place to be!
  - Water will become the driver for future dairy growth
  - Herds need to raise their own feed
  - Wisconsin herds are expanding again
  - There are some practice openings here right now
FAPM Section Rotations

- Core Skills in Dairy Production Medicine
  - 4-week rotation
  - one in June (weeks 3 to 6, June 1 to 26)
  - one in October (weeks 21 to 24, Oct 5 to 30)
  - ~15 students per rotation

- Mixture of in-house didactics and on-farm exercises
  - about 2 herd visits per week
Integrated introduction to:
- herd records, applied statistics, partial budgets
- transition cow management, fresh pen diagnosis and treatment protocols
- facilities evaluation (stalls, ventilation, etc.)
• Calf health evaluation
  • 2 days, 1 herd visit
- Lameness prevention
  - 2 days, 1 day trimming
FAPM Section Rotations

- Advanced Techniques in Dairy Production Medicine
  - 2-week rotation
  - two offerings; weeks 43 to 44 (3/7 to 3/18) and weeks 49 to 50 (4/18 to 4/29)
  - ~8 students per rotation
● Built around on-farm problem solving
  ◆ will depend on the problems presented
  ◆ 2 to 5 herd investigations
● Apply what you learned in Core Skills
● Some additional nutrition and DairyCOMP 305
Choices, choices
Mixed Animal / Dairy Emphasis

- Core Skills rotation (4 weeks)
- Additional LAIM, LAS here
- Food Animal elective rotation here
- Dairy palpation experience (west?)
- Key small animal skills (primary care, derm)
- Lots of mixed practice exposure
Dairy Exclusive

- Core Skills rotation (4 weeks)
- Advanced rotation (2 weeks)
- Additional LAIM, LAS here
- Food Animal elective rotation here
- +/- Applied Epidemiology elective here
- Dairy palpation experience (west?)
- Some mixed practice exposure
- Top dairy practice exposure
Final Thoughts

- Sign up thoughtfully
  - we fill all open slots with outside students
  - let us know ASAP if you do drop