Food Animal Production Medicine
Clinical Rotations

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Dairy Practice Update

- Dairy industry is slowly recovering 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 ?)
  - one in October (weeks 21 to 24 ?)
  - ~15 students per rotation

- Advanced Topics in Dairy Production Medicine
  - 2-week rotation
  - two offerings; likely March and April
  - ~8 students per rotation
Core Skills Rotation

- Mixture of in-house didactics and on-farm exercises
- Integrated introduction to:
  - herd records, applied statistics, partial budgets
  - transition cow management, fresh pen diagnosis and treatment protocols
  - mastitis, lameness
  - calf health, ventilation
- About 2 herd visits per week
Advanced Rotation

- Built around on-farm problem solving
  - actual client herds
  - will depend on the problems presented
- Apply what you learned in Core Skills
- Some additional nutrition and DairyCOMP 305
Two Models for Dairy Practice

- Mixed animal practice with substantial dairy
  - smaller practices
  - more remote areas
  - robust mixed animal practice model
- Dairy exclusive
  - larger practices
  - will have dairy subspecialties
Mixed Animal / Dairy Emphasis

● Core Skills rotation (4 weeks)
● Additional LAIM, LAS 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
- 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

● Upcoming lunchtime session to discuss all food animal options more in depth
Questions