

The Idaho Bovine Veterinary Experience Program (IBVEP)

FACT SHEET

Challenges:

- a) There is a lack of veterinarian supply and understanding of food animal industry.
 - a. Between 2004 and 2016, supply of food animal veterinarians will fall short 5 percent annually (JAVMA 2006).
- b) There are changing demographics in veterinary school and society.
 - a. High percentage (80%) single, Caucasian, suburban/urban females.
 - b. Relative disconnection from food supply issues.
- c) There are different perceptions of the industry around the State.
 - a. Often times negative due to ignorance and lack of exposure and/or experience.
 - b. Environmentally unfriendly.
 - c. “Mega dairies”, confinement facilities, CAFO’s and animal welfare issues.

Implications:

- a) We will increasingly be unable to supply veterinary professionals to service the number one industry in the State of Idaho.
- b) Disconnection of society as a whole from their food supply is negative for the beef and dairy industries.
- c) **“... if our profession doesn’t make a series of strategic and substantive changes to create a different future, it is likely that we will wind up in a state of lost opportunity. Most important, the profession will fail to meet societal needs and demands.” (JAVMA 2006).**

IBVEP Program:

- a) Two year, intensive, summer experiential learning program for 1st and 2nd year veterinary students.
 - a. Year one: additional university classes (production medicine and Spanish for veterinarians) with summer spent on Idaho dairy for practical training.
 - b. Year two: intensive summer experience with food animal veterinary clinics in Idaho.
- b) \$2,500 paid to student each year by IBVEP with no direct cost to livestock facility or veterinary clinic. Additional pay and time commitments can be negotiated between student and participating IBVEP member.
- c) University of Idaho faculty and programmatic support
 - a. Housing at Caine Veterinary teaching hospital.
 - b. Mentorship by Dr. Schneider (on campus) and Dr. Ayers (on site).

Benefits to Industry of IBVEP:

- a) Provides a subsidized, highly intelligent, summer labor intern on participant’s farm.
- b) Allows the industry to proactively utilize infrastructure in academia, industry and on farms to meet clear need for future agricultural animal veterinarians.
- c) Provides the industry exposure to veterinary professional early in their training to shape their view of the industry in the State of Idaho, regardless of their future career choices.
- d) Establishes the Idaho dairy industry as a national leader in innovational educational programs that directly benefit stakeholders.

Benefits to Professional Students of IBVEP:

- a) **Provides relevant experiential learning in food animal production and veterinary medicine.**
- b) **Excellent compensation.**
- c) **Opportunity for networking and gaining experience for future career choices early in the veterinary curriculum.**
- d) **Enjoyable, practical and relevant six week summer experience.**