



Dairy Manufacturing Intern (2)

Since 1921, First District Association has been a grassroots, member-owned dairy cooperative located in Litchfield, Minnesota. Every day we focus on creating a sustainable market for dairy products and allow our family farms to prosper in the time honored Midwest dairy traditions.

First District Association is searching for a driven, self-starting, motivated individual to assist in our company's production projects. This person will have the opportunity to work on various process improvement projects and R&D work while collaborating with a variety of team members in support of our dairy farm families. This position will work closely with Plant Management on a daily basis, learning the ins and outs of managing a very modern cheese and whey powder plant.

Key Responsibilities:

- Work with Plant Managers on identified projects and analysis.
- Assist the production team to complete daily operations in the plant.
- Perform research and trend analysis and report findings back to manufacturing team.
- Gain exposure to quality programs such as Food Safety and HACCP.
- Help perform quality functions such as internal auditing, verifications, and environmental monitoring.
- Other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications:

- At least one year post H.S., pursuing a career in dairy manufacturing, business, dairy science or other related field.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to manage multiple priorities at the same time and strong organization skills.

Our production team is located at our Litchfield, MN location. The position will average 40 hours a week during June, July and August 2026. This is an hourly paid position.

List of potential projects to focus on available upon interview, but may include the following:

- Cheese recipe optimization and tracking
- Yield and efficiency tracking
- Assisting in transitioning various paper logs to electronic
- Various cheese and powder studies and trials

Please submit your resume, cover letter, and two references to C2@firstdistrict.com by November 7, 2025, to be considered. Interviews will be conducted after application deadline.