

Agri students UDDERLY brilliant New Zealand experience

Second year agriculture students from CAFRE Greenmount campus near Antrim have the opportunity to work for 12 months on dairy farms in New Zealand. These placements are organised through New Zealand Dairy Careers and offer students the opportunity to further develop their knowledge, skills and experiences as they work towards a diploma or degree. Representatives of the Ulster New Zealand Trust recently visited the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise for an excellent briefing by Greenmount campus student placement manager Joe Mulholland.

Placements with dairy units on the Canterbury Plains have been a great success for over seven years. Kiwi farm families find the work ethic, skills and honesty of their temporary staff from Northern Ireland ideal.



Currently there are 12 young people working in New Zealand, who will return to college next September to complete their studies. Other students opt for work placements in Ohio or closer to home across all four parts of the UK and other parts of Europe. One arable operation in East Anglia has been taking Greenmount students for over 20 years.

The UNZT delegation to Greenmount campus also toured the College's new £2.5 million dairy unit and adjacent calf rearing facility complete with Volac computerised feeding systems.

At Greenmount, Loughry near Cookstown and Enniskillen campuses, CAFRE runs courses from apprenticeships to honours degrees in agriculture, horticulture, equine studies and food technology.

Further information on courses available at CAFRE can be found by visiting **www.cafre.ac.uk**

The Ulster New Zealand Trust looks forward to welcoming CAFRE students and staff to events at The Ballance House.

Pictured above, currently completing their second year work placement on NZ dairy farms, are these Greenmount second year students:

Back row L-R: Christopher Hutchison, Hamiltonsbawn, Sophie Ferris, Newry, James Hadden, Dungannon, Katie McCullough, Newry, Sean Lagan, Draperstown, Saffron Mulligan, Brookeborough, Lauren Megaw, Newry, Demi Blair, Greenisland, Henry McConnell, Rathfriland and John Larkin Newry. Front row L- R: Shannon Kirkland, Caledon and Courtney McMullan, Ballymoney.