



November 1, 2011

## [Child-star turned dairy vet back on camera](#)

*Written by PD Editor Walt Cooley*

If Dakota Fanning doesn't think she can make it as an adult actor, perhaps she should consult a former child movie star and now dairy veterinarian Dr. Peter Ostrum for career advice.



Ostrum once played Charlie, the main child character, in the original *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*, starring Gene Wilder (1971). Now the child-star turned New York vet is starring in a new reality web TV series titled *Veterinarians On Call*. He says he agreed to participate in order to encourage youngsters interested in animals to possibly consider careers in veterinary medicine and to educate consumers about where their food comes from.

[Read more...](#)

**PLUS**, [click here](#) to read Walt Cooley's thoughts on this interview.

## [Interview with Steve Maddox: Should my dairy apply for a sustainability award?](#)

Dairy farmer Steve Maddox of Fresno, California, discusses the dairy industry's new sustainability award contest and who should be applying.



Read more about the contest, how to apply and the judges, visit: [http://bit.ly/PD\\_SustainabilityAwards](http://bit.ly/PD_SustainabilityAwards)

To apply for an award, go to: [www.USDairy.com/Sustainability/Awards/](http://www.USDairy.com/Sustainability/Awards/)

[Click to see the video...](#)

## Web Tools: Learn about genomics

Written by PD Editor Dario Martinez

Pfizer Animal Genetics recently launched e-learning opportunities for dairy and beef producers as well as veterinarians to advance their knowledge and understanding of genetic testing. Brad Kolstad, senior marketing manager at Pfizer Animal Genetics, explains these new introductory courses.



Q. What is the web address?

**KOLSTAD:** [www.learn cattlegenetics.com](http://www.learn cattlegenetics.com)

Q. Why was it developed?

**KOLSTAD:** Pfizer Animal Genetics developed the first two of three e-learning sessions, currently offered at no charge, to help beef and dairy producers, veterinarians and anyone involved in the cattle industry understand how to utilize genetic testing.

## **Online EXTRA interview: The importance of dairy internships**

Past Golden Oaks Farm intern Jackie Florent, now with Merck Animal Health, spoke with PD Editor Emily Caldwell. Florent discusses how her internship experience provided her with the skills and knowledge for her current career. She also gives advice to students looking to pursue a similar career path. [Click here](#) to get the link to listen to the podcast.



PLUS, learn more about the Golden Oaks Farm internship program in the article "[Illinois dairy provides learning opportunity to students](#)" from the November 1st issue of *Progressive Dairyman*.

Click [here](#) for online version.

For internal use only. Reprints available for purchase.