

## DREW PETERSON

# Bovine hoof trimmer helps cows put best foot forward

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RUPERT, Idaho — Flakes and shavings from a cow's hoof fly through the air and ping off Drew Peterson's protective plastic face shield while he gives a bovine pedicure. Guiding an electric grinder, he trims a Holstein's hooves.

A cow hoof trimmer, Peterson's job is vital yet unfamiliar to most people outside dairies. Viewers of the television show

"Dirty Jobs with Mike Rowe" know about it.

"It was funny to watch Mike trimming a cow," said the 28-year-old Rupert, Idaho, resident. "When I tell people what I do, they usually say, 'I didn't even know that was a job.'"

Peterson's assistant, Ryan Matthews, said sometimes people laugh when he tells them his occupation. "I get a look like, 'What's that? You give cows a pedicure? Why?'"

Cow hoof trimmers get the last laugh with permanent job security. Peterson

and Matthews are in demand five to six days a week at dairies throughout southeastern Idaho. Dairy owners understand the importance of their job.



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