



November 16 Update



Thank you to Everyone Who Participated in Our Modesto Membership Meeting This Week



Thank you to everyone who participated in our meeting this week at the Fruit Yard in Modesto this week. We had a great crowd and lengthy discussion of a range of important issues including the new California Milk Marketing Order (CAFMMO), the ongoing farm bill debate, trade, regulatory and other issues.

Our discussions this week focused on the changes underway due to the establishment of a CAFMMO and the range of information available on the USDA California Federal Order web site located at [USDA California Federal Milk Marketing Order Web Site](#).

According to the latest California Market Administrator Bulletin: Review of Pricing in the CAFMMO - November is the first month when the provisions of the California Federal Milk Marketing Order (CAFMMO) are effective. The November advance price-announcing the Class I price for handlers was released in mid-October. In early December the Class and Component price announcement for the month of November will be released. In mid-December the first CAFMMO “pool calculation” will take place along with the announcement of the statistical uniform price (SUP) for November. The “pool calculation” is the monthly process whereby the classified value of all of the milk “pooled” under the CAFMMO during the month is calculated and a uniform blend price referred to as the statistical uniform price (SUP) is announced

Upcoming Key dates:

~November 21—Announcement of Class I Price and Advanced Pricing Factors for December 2018

~December 5—Announcement of Class and Component Prices for November 2018

Producer Prices Announced: On or Before December 14, 2018— Statistical Uniform Price Announcement for November 2018

Non cooperative member Payment Due Dates:

~ Partial Payment—On or before the last day of the month for milk received during the first 15 days of the month (ex. Milk from November 1–15 will be paid on or before November 30).

~ Final Payment—No later than the 19th day after the end of the month for milk received during the month (ex. Remainder of milk from November will be paid by December 19).

Payment Due Dates From Handler to Cooperative:

Payments to Cooperatives—1 day earlier than partial and final payments as stated above.

USDA has also issued a document titled " What Producers Need to Know: which can be found online at [What Dairy Producers Need to Know](#).

CDC Calls for Changes to Federal Dairy Policy

During this week's meeting we had an extensive discussion of the solutions that California Dairy Campaign is putting forward to improve milk prices paid to dairy producers. CDC has joined with dairy farmers in other states to call for a nationwide inventory management plan so that milk production is more responsive to market demand.

Given the prolonged period of low milk prices, now approaching four years next month, it is clear that a significant change in federal dairy policy is needed to sustain dairies in California and across the country. During the last farm bill debate an inventory management plan was debated extensively and back then milk prices were at record highs. The fact that an inventory management plan received such strong support then demonstrates the potential of this coordinated approach to milk production. Many dairy producers in California and other states who were skeptical of this approach before are now more open to considering a move in this direction given the many months of chronically low milk prices plaguing all U.S. dairy producers.

The Canadian system is an example of how an inventory management program can work for dairy producers and can serve as a model, although an inventory management system in the United States is likely to look significantly different in many aspects. However, the success of the system in Canada in ensuring an equitable milk price, makes clear the importance of U.S. dairy producers working together to forge a different system that incorporates smart, efficient milk production that is more responsive to domestic and international demand for dairy products. *(Executive Director Lynne McBride)*

[**For More Information Visit our Web Site**](#)



**Join Us for Our Upcoming
Fall Membership Meeting and Social
in Merced on
Thursday, November 29th!**

Each year during our fall meetings we come together to look back on our work throughout the year and ahead to set our policy priorities for the new year.

We invite you to join us for one or both of our upcoming membership meetings and socials!

Friends and family are more than welcome for a delicious dinner.

***Membership Meeting and Social in Merced
Thursday, November 29th At 5:00 p.m.***

Location: The Branding Iron Restaurant located at 640 W 16th Street in Merced

Contact Bertha Medina at 209-632-0885 to RSVP.

Next Round of AMMP Funding



The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is expected to announce the next application period for the Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP) in December. A number of CDC members have already received AMMP grants and CDC Field Representative Joe Melo is working with more dairy producers on their AMMP applications in preparation for the next sign-up period.

Dairy producers interested in more information about the AMMP can contact Joe Melo at 209-216-7615.

More details about the AMMP can be found online at [CDFA AMMP web site](#).

In addition applications will soon be accepted for the Healthy Soils Program - [Healthy Soils](#) and the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program - [SWEEP](#).

**Contact the CDC office for more information about
AMMP, Healthy Soils and SWEEP
at 209-632-0885.**

**National Farmers Union Women's Conference in San Diego
January 13-17 2019**

National Farmers Union
Women's Conference is

SAVE THE DATE!



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:
FARMING IN COMMUNITY
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY 13-17, 2019



just around the corner!
We hope you can join us from January 13-17 at the Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa in San Diego, California. The theme of this year's conference is "Farming in Community." Participants will have the opportunity to tour local farm, share their stories with fellow attendees, and

listen to experts present on topics such as business planning, running for office, accounting systems, food safety, activism, and more.

We hope you can join us for the 2019 Women's Conference, and in the meantime, please let me know if you have any questions. Contact Executive Director Lynne McBride at 209-632-0885 for more information.

California Dairy Sustainability Summit



November 27-28, 2018
Sacramento, CA

Register Today



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Leading dairy organizations have united to host the inaugural California Dairy Sustainability Summit on November 27-28, 2018 at the Sacramento Convention Center. The summit will showcase California's innovative and sustainable dairy farm practices, while highlighting cost-effective ways to meet ongoing challenges. A key focus will be developing partnerships and strategies to improve the economic sustainability of the state's family dairy farms. To learn more about how California dairy farmers are leading the way in planet-smart farming and to

register, visit CADairySummit.com.

For additional information contact the California Dairy Campaign office at 209-632-0885.

We wish Everyone
A
Very Happy
Thanksgiving!



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