

# CALIFORNIA DAIRY CAMPAIGN

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**Milk Pooling Producer Review Board May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting update:** The California Department of Food and Agriculture (USDA) held the first in a series of three scheduled meetings of the Milk Pooling Producer Review Board to develop a detailed proposal for a stand-alone Quota program. California Dairy Campaign (CDC) Board Member Scott Magnuson serves on the 15-member board which made significant progress during its first meeting to finalize the details of how the state quota program would continue under the proposed California federal order. CDC is calling for the stand-alone quota program to be assessed on all milk produced in California, and to keep the rest of the state quota program intact. The board discussed and voted on a range of issues and will continue discussions about how CDFA would continue to collect milk production information, handle exempt quota and other issues during the next meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found on the CDFA web site at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dairy/ProducerReviewBoard.html>

**The next meetings are scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Modesto Centre Plaza (By the Double Tree Hotel) in Modesto, CA. All are open to the public.**

**Dairy Margin Protection Program (DMPP) 2017 sign up hits new low:** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) released the long awaited information about the sign up for the DMPP in 2017, which hit rock bottom levels. In California just one dairy, out of the 973 enrolled, signed up for any coverage beyond the \$4 catastrophic level demonstrating how the DMPP is failing to provide an effective safety net in California. Nationwide, just 2 percent of milk production enrolled in the program signed up at any level above the \$4 catastrophic level. The worst milk price downturn in recent memory occurred in 2009 and today due to the failure of the DMPP, dairy farmers have virtually no safety net when milk prices decline. CDC firmly believes that an effective inventory management program would prevent milk price boom and bust cycles and sustain dairies nationwide. CDC's message to Congress in the next farm bill is, especially given budgetary constraints due to a shrinking baseline spending level for dairy programs caused by the failure of the DMPP; the only way to shore up dairy farms in the U.S. is through and incentives based inventory management program that would minimize government expenditures.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Join Us for our Upcoming Farm Bill Listening Sessions  
Monday, June 26, 2017

**Lunch in Elk Grove:** 12 noon more details to follow

**Dinner in Turlock:** 4:00 p.m. in Our Turlock Office located at 325 Mitchell Avenue

**Featured Speaker:** Rob Larew, National Farmers Union (NFU) Senior Vice President for Government Relations who has more than 20 years of public service experience working on dairy policy, on both Capitol Hill and for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) including as the minority staff director on the House Agriculture Committee.

Plan to participate to discuss the next farm bill and future federal dairy policy.  
Delicious food will be served and Friends and Family Are More than Welcome!

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