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Federal Order Hearing Process Delay: Today California Dairy Campaign joined Milk Producers Council and Western United Dairymen in a letter to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Sonny Perdue calling for the federal milk marketing order hearing process to move forward. The letter stated, “Since USDA released its draft recommendation in February 2017, producers lost an average of \$0.50 per hundred-weight of milk produced. According to USDA’s *Regulatory Economic Impact Analysis of the Recommended California Federal Milk Marketing Order*, the all-milk price estimated change from the baseline for California would be \$0.48 per hundredweight. The numbers illustrate California dairy families’ eagerness to see a final decision to consider. The letter went on to state, “While we can recognize USDA’s inclination to wait for the Supreme Court decision in the *Lucia v. Securities and Exchange Commission*, before publishing a final decision on a California FMMO, it is not something we can support. Because of the aforementioned economic reasons, and the commitment that dairy producers have made to the FMMO process for more than three years now, California dairy producers cannot wait until the Supreme Court renders a decision on this matter, which ultimately may not prove relevant to the FMMO proceedings...”

Today California Dairies Inc., Dairy Farmers of America and Land O’Lakes also sent a letter to Secretary Perdue urging USDA to move forward in the FMMO hearing process.

USDA Stakeholder Call on Tuesday February 13 at 1:00 pm PST: Today USDA announced it will hold a Stakeholder Call to provide Additional Explanation on Delay of California Federal Milk Marketing Order. *The call will be recorded and posted as part of the official record.*

On Tuesday, February 13, at 4:00 p.m. Eastern (1:00 p.m. Pacific) USDA will host a conference call for stakeholders with Stephen Vaden, Office of the General Counsel, to further explain the reasoning behind the delay. The link for the USDA [Notice](https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/StatusofProceeding02062018.pdf) of the delay can be found at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/StatusofProceeding02062018.pdf>

Date: Tuesday February 13 at 1:00 pm PST

Dial in number: 1-888-844-9904

Access Code: 6201946

CDFA Alternative Manure Management Projects (AMMP) Application Process will Begin Again in March: The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is expected to open the application process for the AMMP program in March.

More information can be found online at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/ammp/>

CDC Field Representative Joe Melo is a technical expert on the AMMP application process and is available to work with you on your AMMP application. Contact Joe Melo by phone at 209-216-7615.

Upcoming Event:

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Come Visit Us at the CDC Booth at the TULARE FARM SHOW

Feb 13-15, 2018

The CDC Booth number this year is #6410 in the Farm Credit Dairy Center

Plan to visit our booth to meet with our board and staff and learn the latest about the issues we are working on including the ongoing effort to establish a federal milk marketing order for California, the farm bill, water policy, environmental policies, AMMP and other issues.

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