

# CALIFORNIA DAIRY CAMPAIGN

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**Joint Meeting on Quota Implementation Plan (QIP) Scheduled for Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> in Modesto:** CDC has joined Milk Producers Council (MPC), Western United Dairymen (WUD), California Dairies, Inc. (CDI), Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) and Land O'Lakes (LOL) in organizing three upcoming meetings to provide information about the QIP to dairy producers across the state.

**The first QIP Dairy Producers Meeting will take place in Modesto**

**At 10:00 a.m. on October 16<sup>th</sup> at**

**The Stanislaus County Farm Bureau Office**

**Located at 1201 L Street in Modesto**

The next joint QIP Dairy Producers Meetings will take place in Chino on November 6<sup>th</sup> and Tulare on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The invitation for the QIP Dairy Producer Meetings appears on the next page and dairy producers are strongly encouraged to participate. *For more information, contact California Dairy Campaign Executive Director Lynne McBride at 925-385-0217.*

**CDFA Corrects Ballots on the Quota Implementation Plan (QIP):** This week the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDA) mailed a second set of ballots to dairy producers across the state on the Quota Implementation Plan (QIP) to correct a typo in the original mailing. Dairy producers have 60 days to vote by mailing in their ballots to CDFA. Ballots must be mailed or postmarked by December 4, 2017. Dairy producers can vote by either ballot, but if two ballots are submitted, CDFA will count the second ballot.

The California Dairy Campaign (CDC) is urging dairy producers to vote **“Yes”** on their QIP ballot because passage of the QIP is critical to ensure that the consideration of a federal milk marketing order (FMMO) for California moves forward. CDC has long called for California to join the federal order system to bring dairy producer prices and the process for determining milk prices in line with the federal order system. A critical step in the process to establish a federal order in California is to maintain the statewide quota program and the QIP would ensure that the quota program is maintained and administered by CDFA in the federal order system. The QIP was finalized by the Milk Pooling Producer Review Board which consisted of quota holders and non-quota holders alike and approved in its entirety by CDFA Secretary Karen Ross for a statewide vote among dairy producers.

**Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. is the application deadline for the Alternative Manure Management Practices (AMMP) Program:** The AMMP program will provide up to \$16 million in grants to California dairy or livestock producers for using manure management practices that reduce methane emissions and maximize environmental benefits. CDFA will fund up to 100% of the total project cost with a maximum grant award of \$750,000 per project. More information about the AMMP program can be found on the CDFA web site at: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/AMMP/> [www.californiadairycampaign.com](http://www.californiadairycampaign.com)



### Quota Implementation Plan (QIP) Dairy Producers Meetings

In addition to informational sessions conducted by California Dairies Inc. (CDI), Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) and Land O'Lakes (LOL), a series of joint dairy producer meetings will be held throughout the state in the next few weeks. The presentations will be brief to allow ample time for questions you may have. This is a producer-only process and 51% of ballots must be returned for the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to even consider referendum results. Therefore, producer organizations in the state want you to be aware of the importance of your vote.

- October 16, Stanislaus County Farm Bureau, 1201 L Street, Modesto, 10am
- November 6, Chino, Chino Fairgrounds, 5410 Edison Avenue, Chino, 10:30am
- November 7, Tulare, Heritage Complex, 4450 S. Laspina Ave, Tulare, Conference Dining Room, 10am

#### Agenda:

- Statewide QIP Referendum: Description of the QIP and main features
- Questions & Answers

Note: The Quota Implementation Plan (QIP) was delivered to the post office for mailing on October 6. The ballot (which is on blue paper) is in a 9X13 white envelope with **BALLOT ENCLOSED** noted on the envelope. Included in the envelope is a cover letter with instructions, the QIP language, and a postage paid envelope to return the ballot. The close of the referendum is December 4, 2017.

We believe that supporting the QIP is the only path forward to allow fair consideration for a FMMO in CA and are urging you to make an informed decision by attending one of the meetings referenced above prior to casting your vote.

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