



**November 10, 2017**

**CDFA Has Received 322 QIP Ballots:** So far, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has received 322 Quota Implementation Plan (QIP) ballots representing approximately 31% of dairy producers eligible to vote. CDFA mailed out 1054 ballots for the statewide QIP referendum. Ballots must be mailed or postmarked by December 4, 2017 in order to be included in the QIP referendum vote count. Dairy producers that own more than one dairy are entitled to one vote. However, the volume of milk produced on all of the producer's farms and delivered to California plants will be combined to ensure the volume of milk represented meets the voting thresholds.

In order for the QIP to pass at least 51% of the eligible producers must vote

- AND votes in favor must be submitted by either 65%, or more, of those who voted and produce at least 51% of the milk produced by those who voted
- OR 51%, or more, of those who voted and produce at least 65% of the milk produced by those who voted.

California Dairy Campaign (CDC) urges dairy producers to **vote "Yes" on their QIP ballots.** 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) to urge California dairy producers to **vote "Yes" on their QIP ballot** because it is the only path forward to ensure a fair consideration of a federal order in California. A "Yes" vote is critical in order to move forward in the process to consider a federal order for California in 2018. The QIP would only take effect if a California federal order is adopted. The QIP is a plan developed by the Milk Pooling Producers Review Board made up of both quota and non-quota holders to continue the state quota program if a federal order is adopted. Following the QIP vote, California dairy producers will have the ability to extensively review and consider a federal order proposal for our state. Since California Dairy Campaign was founded it has called for California to join the federal order system to bring California dairy prices and the process for determining prices in line with the federal order system. ***For more information, contact CDC Executive Director Lynne McBride at 925-385-0217.***

**Join Us for Our Upcoming California Dairy Campaign (CDC) Fall Meetings:**

Each year during our fall meetings we come together to look back on our work throughout the year and ahead to set out policy priorities for the year ahead. We invite you to join us! Friends and family are more than welcome and a delicious dinner will be served.

***Membership Meeting and Social in Modesto  
Wednesday, November 29 at 5:00 p.m.***

**Location:** The Fruit Yard located at 7948 Yosemite Blvd. Modesto

***Membership Meeting and Social in Merced  
Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> At 5:00 p.m.***

**Location:** The Branding Iron Restaurant located at 640 W 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Merced  
*Contact Bertha Medina at 209-632-0885 to RSVP.*

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