



## December 10 Update



### Support for Dairy Inventory Management Grows



Last week, Wisconsin Farm Bureau, a major farm organization in the number two dairy state, agreed to support considering supply management in future federal dairy policy.

The policy change came about as a result of

the support for inventory management that has grown across many counties throughout Wisconsin and around the country. Wisconsin Farm Bureau members have participated in the ***Dairy Together*** effort that has been led by Wisconsin Farmers Union and includes California Dairy Campaign, California Farmers Union and other dairy and farm organizations in numerous states who support a nationwide inventory management plan. The dairy farmer members of Wisconsin Farm Bureau who participate in the ***Dairy Together*** effort described the change in policy to support inventory management as a big policy shift for the organization. The resolution calling for consideration of a dairy inventory management plan will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) at its annual convention next month.

California Dairy Campaign (CDC) has been involved in the ***Dairy Together*** effort since it began earlier this year and the level of support and interest among dairy farmers for a dairy inventory management plan continues to grow. Until now, Congress has failed to address the crucial issue of dairy inventory management in the farm bill, but CDC and others who participate in the ***Dairy Together*** effort continue to call for a farmer-led inventory management program that will enable dairy farmers to manage milk inventories nationwide and be paid an equitable milk price.

**Action Alert:** Contact your local Farm Bureau and urge their support for dairy inventory management to build on the support for inventory

management that is growing in Wisconsin and other dairy states.  
For more information about inventory management contact Executive Director Lynne McBride at 925-385-0217.

## Many Thanks to Representative David Valadao



California Dairy Campaign would like to thank Representative David G. Valadao, CA-21, for his many years of distinguished service as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Over the years, Rep. Valadao participated in numerous CDC meetings and events and was always

willing to listen and work with us on a range of issues. *Representative Valadao is pictured speaking during the California Dairy Campaign and California Farmers Union Joint Annual Meeting in Hanford, CA.* When California Dairy Campaign and California Farmers Union members traveled to Washington, D.C., Rep. Valadao took the time to meet with them personally to discuss their policy goals and priorities.

Rep. Valadao played a vital leadership role in the multi-year effort to establish a California Federal Milk Marketing Order (CAFMMO). Since it was founded, CDC has called for California to join the federal order system to bring California dairy prices in line with prices paid around the country. However, it wasn't until Rep. Valadao introduced H.R. 1396, the "California Federal Milk Marketing Order Act" that a federal order for California became a possibility and later a reality in California.

Rep. Valadao was one of a very few members of Congress who understood dairy policy and how it affected California dairy producers. Rep. Valadao led efforts in Congress to improve federal water regulations, reform immigration policy and worked tirelessly to represent the best interests of his constituents on many other key issues. We are grateful for his many years of service in the U.S. Congress and his unparalleled expertise and knowledge about a wide range of dairy and agricultural issues. *(Executive Director Lynne McBride)*

## California Federal Milk Marketing Order (CAFMMO)

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.

USDA has announced the Class and Component prices for November which can be found on the web site at: [www.cafmmo.com](http://www.cafmmo.com). The site also provides information about how USDA calculates the fortification of milk in the new federal order which increases the volume of Class I, the highest value class of milk. The new federal order also ensures that out of state fluid milk entering California is included in the Class 1 milk pool.

**Producer Prices Announced:** On or Before December 14, 2018— Statistical



**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.

~**January 3, 2019**—Announcement of Class and Component Prices for December 2018

**Pool Information:** Each month pool and price data will appear on the front page of **Market Administrator's Bulletin**. In addition, price announcements and other pool statistical information will be available on the website: [www.cafmmo.com](http://www.cafmmo.com) and via email.

**Comment on the Definition of Milk and Dairy to FDA**



Now is the time for dairy producers to speak out about the importance for strong and clear standards for milk and dairy products. The Food and Drug Administration is accepting comments through January 28th on the definition of milk at the following web address: [FDA Comment Link](#)

**Summary**

The Food and Drug Administration is extending the comment period for interested parties to provide information on specific topics related to the labeling of plant-based products with names that include the names of dairy foods such as “milk,” “cultured milk,” “yogurt,” and “cheese.” FDA is extending the comment period to give interested parties more time to comment.

The FDA comment period invites interested parties to provide information on specific topics related to the labeling of plant-based products with names that include the names of dairy foods such as “milk,” “cultured milk,” “yogurt,” and “cheese.” The information will inform our development of an approach to the labeling of plant-based products that consumers may substitute for dairy foods.

**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.**

**For More Information Visit our Web Site**



**Join Us for Our Upcoming  
Annual Membership Meeting  
In Hanford, CA  
on January 23, 2019**

Each year during our Annual Meeting 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 our Annual Meeting on January 23 in Hanford. Friends and family are more than welcome.



**California Dairy Campaign and  
California Farmers Union  
Joint Annual Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Location: Hanford Fraternal Hall  
1015 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Hanford, CA

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

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

National Farmers Union  
Women's Conference is  
just around the corner!



**SAVE THE DATE!**



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



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.

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