

CALIFORNIA DAIRY CAMPAIGN

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Referendum on California Federal Order Continues until May 5 – The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has mailed ballots on a federal order for California to all eligible dairy producers and voting continues through May 5, 2018. The entire hearing record, including the Regulatory Economic Impact Analysis, is available online at www.ams.usda.gov/caorder. The April 10th Clovis meeting can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IFiywAojRY>

CDC urges dairy producers to vote “Yes” in the ongoing statewide referendum to ensure that milk prices in California are brought in line with prices paid in the federal order system. *For more information about the final federal order proposal for California contact CDC Executive Director Lynne McBride at 925-385-0217.*

U.S. House Agriculture Committee Passes Farm Bill – On Wednesday the U.S. House Agriculture Committee passed its version of the next farm bill in a party line vote with all 26 Republicans voting for the bill and all 20 Democrats opposing it. Under the bill, the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018 (H.R. 2), the Margin Protection Program is renamed the Dairy Risk Management (DRM) program. The DRM significantly lowers premiums for milk production of 5 million pounds or less. Milk production not covered under the DRM is made fully eligible for other risk management program including the Livestock Gross Margin (LGM)-Dairy Program. Upon passage of the legislation National Farmers Union President Roger Johnson said, “This bill is wholly inadequate for providing family farmers with the resources they need to endure the worst decline in the farm economy in decades.” *California Dairy Campaign and California Farmers Union oppose the dairy provisions in committee’s farm bill because they will disadvantage dairy operations larger than 5 million lbs. of production, do not reflect accurate on farm margins and fail to incorporate incentive based inventory management to balance milk supply with market demand.*

California Dairy Campaign to Workshops on CDFA Alternative Manure Management Practices (AMMP) Program: Thank you to everyone who participated in our workshops earlier this week on the application process for the California Department of Food and Agriculture’s Alternative Manure Management Practices (AMMP) Program. This second round will provide \$19 to \$33 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.** To be eligible, the current baseline manure management practices must include the anaerobic decomposition of volatile solids stored in a lagoon or other predominantly liquid anaerobic environment.

More details about the AMMP can be found online at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/AMMP/>

Contact CDC Field Representative Joe Melo at 209-216-7615 for more information about how to apply for an AMMP grant.

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Contact California U.S. House Agriculture Committee Members:

Rep. Jeff Denham, R-10

Staff: Tracey Chow 202-225-4540

Rep. Jim Costa, D-16

Staff: Ben Goldeen 202-225-3341

Rep. Doug LaMalfa, R-1

Staff: Colleen McGowen 202-225-3076

Rep. Jimmy Panetta, D-20,

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Dairy Margin Protection Program (DMPP) Sign up through June 1, 2018 – Dairy producers can sign up for the DMPP throughout June 1, 2018. The DMPP was changed by the “Bipartisan Budget Act” which lowers premium rates for dairies producing 5 million pounds of milk or less. Dairy producers are eligible to sign up for both the DMPP and the Livestock Gross Margin (LGM) program which is a risk management program. More information is available online at: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-bill/farm-safety-net/dairy-programs/mpp-decision-tool/index>

California Dairy Campaign (CDC) to Host Two Workshops Next Week on the CDFA Alternative Manure Management Practices (AMMP) Program: The California Department of Food and Agriculture’s (CDFA) second round of Alternative Manure Management Practices (AMMP) Program will provide \$19 to \$33 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.** To be eligible, the current baseline manure management practices must include the anaerobic decomposition of volatile solids stored in a lagoon or other predominantly liquid anaerobic environment.

Upcoming California Dairy Campaign Workshops on AMMP:

Turlock

**California Dairy Campaign Office
325 Mitchell Avenue
Turlock, CA 95380**

Date: Monday April 16, 2018

Time: 10 am to 12:00 pm Noon

Hanford

**UC Cooperative Extension Office
680 Campus Dr Suite A
Hanford, CA 93230**

Date: Tuesday April 17, 2018

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Noon

Next week, CDFA will hold a workshop on Monday and a webinar on Tuesday:

Modesto – Monday, April 16, 2018, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Stanislaus County Agricultural Building

3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite B

Modesto, CA 95358

Online CDFA Webinar – Tuesday April 17th from 2-4 pm.

Register online for the webinar at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/ammp/>

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