



October 5 Update



Thank you to All Who Participated in our Hanford Meeting



Thank you to everyone who participated in our meeting in Hanford this week. We had an excellent discussion of a range of issues including the establishment of a California Federal Milk Marketing Order (CA-FMMO), the ongoing farm bill debate, our support for a sustainable milk inventory system to balance milk supply with market

demand, the new USMCA trade agreement, environmental regulations and other key issues. In addition participants learned about the new Dairy Revenue Protection (Dairy-RP) program a risk management program to insure against declines in quarterly milk sales.

For more information on any of the issues discussed this week contact the California Dairy Campaign office at 209-632-0885.

USMCA



This week after the announcement of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) National Farmers Union President Roger Johnson stated, *"National Farmers Union supports the President's goals to balance trade and restore sovereignty that has been lost as a result of past trade agreements. We have long been at the forefront of the fight for fair trade that puts family farmers and ranchers on an even playing field with corporations and the rest of the world. Yet a couple areas in this agreement appear to fall short of these goals. Progress was made on the dispute settlement mechanisms—provisions that place tremendous power in the hands of multinational corporations—but the ISDS framework remains. And country-of-origin labeling, which is supported by 90 percent of Americans, was unfortunately left out of the agreement."*

The recently announced USMCA would increase access to the Canadian dairy market amounting to 3.6% of the Canadian market or \$70 million in value. The amount of access granted totals less than 2 percent of the value of total U.S. dairy sales.

Over many years California Dairy Campaign and California Farmers Union have joined National Farmers Union to call for a rewrite of the North American Free Trade Agreement. One of the key elements of a successful agreement is mandatory country-of-origin labeling of meat. The recently announced USMCA trade agreement failed to include mandatory country-of-origin labeling (COOL) for meat.

CDC and CFU will continue to work with NFU and organizations around the country to urge the Trump Administration and Congress to support mandatory country-of-origin labeling of meat.

Farm Bill Conference Committee Continues



Although the farm bill officially expired on September 30, 2018, farm bill conference committee members pledged to pass a farm bill before the end of the year. California Dairy Campaign has raised concerns with federal lawmakers that the dairy title of the farm bill is not an effective program for California dairy producers because the benefits of the program are targeted towards dairies that are significantly smaller than the average herd size in California. CDC is part of a nationwide effort to call on Congress to pass an inventory management program to enable dairy farmers to balance milk supply to be more responsive to market demand. The conference committee agreed to an amendment by Senator Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., that would provide refunds to dairy farmers for Dairy Margin Protection Program payments made from 2015 to 2017. Early on in the farm bill debate CDC and CFU joined National Farmers Union in supporting a refund in MPP premiums demonstrating the failure of the MPP to provide an effective dairy safety net for dairy producers.

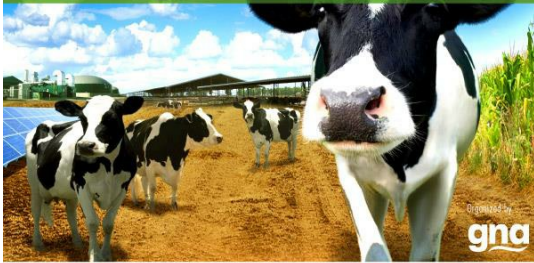
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