

CALIFORNIA DAIRY CAMPAIGN

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California Federal Order – Although the referendum on a federal order for California continues through tomorrow, we have learned that the boards of the three major cooperatives in the state, representing more than the required threshold for passage, have voted to join the federal milk marketing order (FMMO) system. CDC commends the cooperatives and all the dairy producers across the state for voting to join the federal order system. Since CDC was established our organization has called for California to join the federal order system to bring California milk prices and the process for determining milk prices in line with dairy producers in federal order states. When USDA officials met with CDC leadership last month, they indicated that when the referendum was approved, USDA would implement the California federal order by November 2018. The process for establishing a California federal order has been lengthy, but demonstrates that when dairy producers join together, they can make substantial changes to restore equity to milk pricing and improve the outlook for their future. (*CDC Executive Director Lynne McBride*)

California Dairy Campaign (CDC) to Host Workshop on Thursday, May 10th in our Turlock office on the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Alternative Manure Management Practices (AMMP) Program. CDFA will fund up to 100% of the total project cost with a maximum grant award of \$750,000 per project. A number of CDC members have received AMMP grants during the last sign-up and CDC is working with more dairy producers to complete their applications for this round of funding. Meeting Details:

Date: Thursday May 10, 2018

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

Location: California Dairy Campaign Turlock Office

Address: 325 Mitchell Avenue, Turlock, CA

Speaker: Pramod Pandey, Ph.D., from the University of California at Davis will walk through the application process with dairy producers at the upcoming workshop. *Dairy producers are encouraged to bring their laptops to begin the application process although laptops will also be available.* **On Friday, May 11,** Dr. Pandey will be working with dairy producers on their applications in the Turlock office and providing more information on the application process. Dairy producers interested in applying for AMMP can contact CDC Field Representative Joe Melo at 209-216-7615 to schedule a time to work on their applications on Friday, May 11th. More details about the AMMP can be found online at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/AMMP/>

The 2018 Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy) sign up continues through June 1, 2018.

The changes made to the DMPP earlier this year by the *Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018* make it likely that significant payments will be made on production totaling 5 million lbs. or less due to substantial decreases in premium costs in for that level of production. The MPP web tool is located at www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool. Dairy producers can sign up at their local USDA Farm Service Agency office. Dairy producers can continue to buy up coverage through June 1, 2018.

Example According to USDA's Projected Milk Margins for 2018: *A dairy with 20 million lbs. historical annual production enrolls 25% of its production (5,000,000 lbs.) at the \$8 coverage level, the premium is estimated to total \$7200, the expected payment would total \$31,109 while the net return would amount to \$23,909.*

Board and Membership Meeting May 23 in Turlock Office at 4 pm – Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 23 for our next board and membership meeting in the California Dairy Campaign Office located at 325 Mitchell Avenue in Turlock. We will provide the latest updates on the process to establish a federal order in California, the Dairy Margin Protection Program Sign-up, the ongoing farm bill debate and other important issues. Friends and family are more than welcome to join us for a dinner and discussion.

Please RSVP to Bertha Medina at 209-632-0885. We hope to see you on May 23rd!

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