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## DAIRY GROWTH MANAGEMENT CREATES STABILITY FOR DAIRY FARMERS



Given the volatility in dairy pricing that continued again this week, many dairy producers are looking for policy changes that will bring stability to the U.S. milk pricing system. Last week, CDC Vice President Mark McAfee of Fresno traveled to British Columbia, Canada to speak with dairy farmers there about how supply or growth management can create stability and profitability for dairy farmers.

Watch a [2-minute video](#) where McAfee discusses the benefits of a supply management system with dairy farmer

Margie vanBoven of **Cowichan Milk Company** in Canada. CDC is incorporating the principles of the Canadian system to call for reform in U.S. dairy policy to pass a three-legged milk stool plan that includes: fair milk prices, growth management and smart trade policy. The video is linked [here](#).

California Dairy Campaign (CDC) and California Farmers Union (CFU) joined the [Dairy Together](#) Coalition in early 2018 to work with dairy farmers across the country to pass dairy growth management policies and programs to empower dairy farmers to manage their milk production growth to be more responsive to changing market demand.

### **Building a Coalition**

[Dairy Together](#) is building power in the policy and market arenas by

creating a durable coalition of farmers, farm organizations, allied organizations, and supply chain partners. The coalition consists of: California Dairy Campaign, California Farmers Union, Wisconsin Farmers Union, Farm Aid, Michigan Farmers Union, Pennsylvania Farmers Union, National Farmers Union, National Farmers Organization and many other dairy farmers and organizations.

## DMC SIGN UP EXTENDED TO SEPT. 27



The sign-up period for the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program has been extended until September 27, 2019.

USDA has posted extensive information about the DMC on their web site: [USDA Dairy Margin Coverage \(DMC\)](#) So far, 782 of the 1227 eligible dairy operations in California have signed up

for the DMC totaling 71.1%. USDA now has information about sign up by state and the estimated payment per dairy operation by state linked [here](#) which indicates that the average payment for a dairy in California totals **\$25,869**.

Dairy producers should contact their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office for more information and to sign up for the program. USDA has already begun sending DMC payments to dairy producers and payments are retroactive to January 1, 2019.

Similar to the former Margin Protection Program (MPP), the DMC calculates a margin based on the difference between the all milk price and the feed cost estimate. Dairy producers can insure margins from \$4 to \$9.50 per cwt. Like the former MPP, the DMC establishes two tiers of premium rates for production below or above 5 million pounds of production. The premiums are much lower on milk production below 5 million pounds.

For those who paid into the Margin Protection Program, USDA will provide 75% of the value of premiums paid if a dairy producer enrolls in the new DMC. CDC called on Congress to pass the refund provision due to the failure of the MPP to be effective.

### **MARKET FACILITATION PROGRAM**

Sign Up for the Market Facilitation Program continues until December 20, 2019. The MFP was designed to provide compensation to farmers affected by trade disruptions. USDA is expected to begin sending out MFP payments on August 15, 2019. The payment rate for dairy producers is 20 cents per cwt on half of this year's milk production or 10 cents per cwt on all milk produced. Please find a link for the MFP [here](#).

## AMMP AWARDS ANNOUNCED



This week, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announced the recipients for the Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP). California Dairy Campaign (CDC) worked extensively with dairy producers to provide information and assistance throughout the application process. A number of the applicants we worked with were awarded AMMP grants, and we congratulate them all!

CDC will continue to work with dairy producers to submit their AMMP applications during the next round of funding which is expected to begin in February 2020. It is never too early to begin working on your AMMP application and CDC Field Representative Joe Melo is available to provide more details about the program. Since AMMP began, Melo has worked with numerous dairy producers on their applications and is a great resource for dairy producers. Joe can be reached by phone at 209-216-7615 or you can set up a time to meet at your dairy to determine potential AMMP projects. More information about the AMMP awards is available on the CDFA web site linked [here](#).

For more information about the AMMP, view a [video](#) of the AMMP project that California Dairy Campaign Board Member Scott Magneson implemented on his dairy operation in Ballico, CA.

The video can be viewed [here](#).

## SIGN DAIRY PRODUCER PETITION IN SUPPORT OF GROWTH MANAGEMENT



One of the best ways for dairy producers to show their support for supply or growth management policies is by signing the [\*\*Dairy Producer Petition in Support of Farmer-led Dairy Supply Management\*\*](#). Members of Congress are interested in learning how many dairy producers in their district support supply management policies and signatures from dairy producers demonstrate that support.

The web site for the petition is:

[\*\*www.dairysupplymanagement.com\*\*](http://www.dairysupplymanagement.com)

**The petition states:** The undersigned dairy producers support

farmer-led milk supply management policies to achieve PROFITABLE and SUSTAINABLE MILK PRICES.

**Link to Sign Petition:**

<https://www.dairysupplymanagement.com/>

**OR PRINT AND SIGN THE PETITION AND SEND BACK TO US**

The petition is linked [here](#).

Sign and send back a copy of the petition to us at:

California Dairy Campaign

325 Mitchell Avenue

Turlock, CA 95380

Fax: 209-632-0706

Email: [cdc@californiadairycampaign.com](mailto:cdc@californiadairycampaign.com)

## Upcoming Quota Implementation Plan (QIP) Meetings POSTPONED

The Phase 2 meetings in Modesto and Tulare that were scheduled for next week have been postponed until the presentations on the various QIP proposals put forward in Phase 1 are ready to be delivered.

For more information about the upcoming events visit the [United Dairy Families of California](#) web site linked [here](#).

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