



**January 28, 2022**



**WATCH 12-MINUTE USDA PMVAP VIDEO**



Deputy Administrator Dana Coale of the United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service Dairy Program expects most if not all PMVAP payments to be made to dairy producers by the end of February. The PMVAP payments are paid by USDA to milk handlers, who will then have 30

days to distribute the payments to dairy producers.

USDA anticipates that eligible dairy farmers will receive PMVAP payments during January and February 2022.

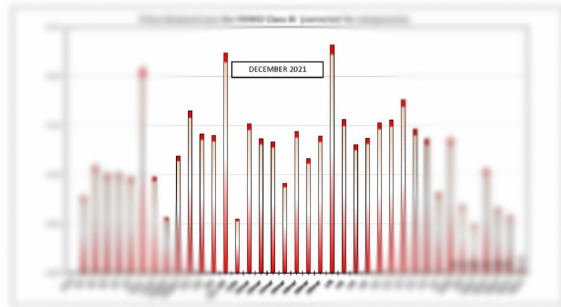
Through the Pandemic Market Volatility Assistance Program, USDA will provide more than \$350 million in pandemic assistance payments to dairy farmers who received a lower value due to market abnormalities caused by the pandemic and ensuing Federal policies.

- Payments will reimburse qualified dairy farmers for 80 percent of the revenue difference per month based on an annual production of up to 5 million pounds of milk marketed and on fluid milk sales from July through December 2020.
- USDA will make payments through agreements with independent handlers and cooperatives. Handlers and cooperatives will distribute the monies on the same basis July - December 2020 payments were made to their dairy farmer suppliers. USDA will reimburse handlers

and cooperatives for allowed administrative costs.

- USDA contacted eligible handlers and cooperatives to notify them of the opportunity to participate in the program and will distribute payments to participating handlers within 60 days of entering into an agreement.
- **Once payment is received, a handler will have 30 days to distribute monies to qualifying dairy farmers.** Handlers will also be reimbursed for limited administrative and educational costs.
- As part of the program, handlers also will provide virtual or in-person education to dairy farmers on the program and other dairy topics, selecting from educational information available from USDA or other sources. A handler will have until March 1, 2022, to provide educational opportunities to dairy farmers.

## Our Anonymous Milk Pricing Survey is Now Available



California Dairy Campaign just completed our December dairy producer milk pricing survey. The survey provides detailed information about milk pricing each month, monthly price comparisons, and ranks milk handlers based on prices paid to dairy producers since the beginning of the year.

**We are always interested in adding more information to our anonymous milk pricing survey, and it is easy for dairy producers to participate. Simply call, text, or email us with your milk price information.**

### **Dairy producers provide just four numbers:**

**Fat percentage**

**Protein Percentage**

**Other Solids Percentage**

**Gross Milk Price**

Dairy producers have been utilizing the reports to discuss milk pricing with their milk handlers, as well as comparing dairy pricing information with dairy producers in California and around the country. The monthly milk pricing survey ranks each milk handler based on prices paid each month and is a valuable tool for dairy producers to have to determine how their milk price compares to prices paid across the state each month.

**To anonymously submit your milk price information and to receive a copy of the milk pricing reports from previous months,  
Contact California Dairy Campaign Field Representative**

## Modifying Manure Stream Flow: Compost Bedded Pack Barn Installation and Management

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**Register Here**

*\$10 registration fee*

**Wednesday, February 2, 2022**

**4:00-4:30 PM (PT)**

Dairy producers have successfully reduced manure flow to lagoons by installing and managing compost bedded pack barns. Join us for an introduction to and overview of compost bedded pack barn installation and management on dairies. View a case study and ask questions of dairy producers who have utilized this management practice with Alternative Manure Management Practice funds.

**[Click here for more information.](#)**

**For More Information about AMMP grants and Compost Bedded Pack  
Barns, Contact California Dairy Campaign Field Representative  
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## Healthy Soils Program (HSP)



Sign-up for the Healthy Soils Program (HSP) is happening now, and California Dairy Campaign and California Farmers Union are working with farmers on their HSP applications. The deadline is February 25, 2022.

The **[HSP Incentives Program](#)** provides financial assistance for the implementation of conservation management that improves soil health, sequesters carbon, and reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. A list of HSP practices is available on the CDFA website and linked **[here](#)**.

Which specific soil management practices are eligible for funding?  
On-farm management practices that include but are not limited to:  
cover cropping, no-till, reduced-till, mulching, compost application, and  
conservation plantings.

California Dairy Campaign Field Representative Joe Melo works one-on-one with dairy producers on their grant applications. Contact Joe on his cell phone at 209-216-7615 to work with him to determine the best projects for your farming operation.

Visit CDFA Healthy Soils Program website

## Alternative Manure Management Program



**California Dairy Campaign (CDC) continues to provide information and outreach materials about the application process for the Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP). The application period is expected to begin in mid-February, and continue to the end of March. California Dairy Campaign is working with dairy producers to fill out AMMP applications, and now is the time to get started.**

**Contact California Dairy Campaign Field Representative Joe Melo at 209-216-7615 for more information about the AMMP application process.**

**Watch a video featuring the AMMP project completed on De Snayer Dairy Farm in Lodi, CA. The video is linked [here](#).**

### **What is an alternative manure management practice?**

Alternative manure management practices involve handling manure in ways that don't involve using an anaerobic digester. Currently, eligible practices for funding through AMMP include: pasture-based based management; solid separation or conversion from flush to scrape in conjunction with some form of drying or composting of collected manure.

**Dairy producers interested in more information about AMMP can contact CDC Field Representative Joe Melo at 209-216-7615.**

Visit CDFA Alternative Manure Management Program Website

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## April 14 - 16, 2022



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Dairy farmers, partners, and stakeholders will explore new ways to:

- Enhance Environmental Sustainability
- Reduce Emissions and Conserve Water
- Develop New Business Opportunities
- Improve Operational Efficiency
- Further Advance Animal Health and Comfort
- Reduce On-Farm Costs

**Register Today**

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