



The Milk Lines



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MILK NOTEWORTHY MEETINGS

Milk

Production of all milk on dairies in California during May 2001 totaled 2.88 billion pounds. This was 3.1% more than the quantity produced during May 2000. For the 12-month period ending in May 2001, total milk production increased 3.2% relative to the same period in 2000. A look at Tulare County shows 730 million lbs. of bulk milk produced in May 2001 as compared to 657 million for May 2000. Kings County had 237 million and 226 million lbs., respectively, for May 2001 and 2000, while Fresno County produced 157 and 151 million lbs. for the same months, and Kern County had 126 and 121 million lbs. for the respective times.

Stanislaus County had 292 million pounds of bulk milk for May 2001 and 289 million in May 2000, while Merced County rose to 386 million from 368 million in the respective months. San Joaquin County increased to 181 million over 174 million for the same months, while Madera County produced 79 million lbs. in May 2001 and 74 million lbs. for May 2000. San Bernardino County dropped from 300 million pounds in May 2000 to 278 million lbs. in May 2001, and Riverside County decreased from 203 million lbs. to 183 million lbs. for the same months. Both Sonoma County with 57 million lbs. and Humboldt County with 27 million remained at about the same level of production from May 2000 to May 2001. Glenn County rose from 24 to 28 million lbs. from May to May.

California milk production continues to lead the nation,

as well as with nearly all categories of ice cream, yogurt, butter, dry milk powder and Hispanic cheese. However, California ranks second to Wisconsin for total cheese production with 18% of the national total. Shares of the California cheese production in 2000 were mozzarella 45%, cheddar 33%, Monterey 11%, Hispanic 4% and Italian 3%. The aforementioned statistics are from the California Dairy Information Bulletin. For details call CDFA at 916-442-MILK, or try www.cdfa.ca.gov/dairy, or call dairy farm advisor office.

Noteworthy

Only about 70% of dairies in Holland affected by foot and mouth disease (FMD) will repopulate with animals. No estimation for repopulation by the FMD devastation in the UK is available yet. By the end of the year all Dutch dairy barns must be equipped to exhaust only a set, legal limit of ammonia. Currently less than half of the Dutch facilities are so equipped. The report stated that producers will have to install needed facilities or stop dairying. A recent local press release stated environmental activist groups in California are proposing to sue the EPA and San Joaquin Valley Air Quality Control Board for insufficient action to improve air quality here. No mention was made in the press release of how accountability would be had for metropolitan and transient vehicular traffic impacts.

On the subject of FMD, a study by the CDFA and USDA in the Central Valley of California listed calf and heifer ranches at greatest risk of FMD because of a larger animal-to-animal and/or farm-to-farm contacts.

Scrutiny of visitors is urged for all dairies and/or calf and heifer ranches. Bio-security measures should not become lax as new outbreaks continue in various countries. Education is a very important part of understanding how dangerous FMD is to local livestock. For basic information on FMD, in English try www.whatisFMD.com/default.htm, for Spanish translation try www.queesAftosa.com/default.htm, and for Portuguese translation contact either Dr. John Kirk, UCVMTRC, or the UCCE dairy advisor.

Meetings

Allied Industry and Consultants *Environmental Stewardship Short Course*, UC Davis, Department of Animal Science, Tuesday, August 14th. Registration due by 8/7/01. This is a refresher course for those already completing the original ESSC and will be offered at a reduced fee. For details contact Gary Veserat, 530-668-4884, or gmveserat@ucdavis.edu.

Dairy Producer *Environmental Stewardship Short Course*, October 15th, 22nd, and 29th, all Mondays from 2 to 4 pm. UCCE meeting room, North Campus Dr., Hanford. Call 582-3211, Ext. 2739, for

reservations. The class dates correspond to sessions I, II and III respectively, so choose which one you need to complete series or sign up for all three if needed.

Dairy Herdsmen Short Course, October 22nd to 24th. Lecturers included are from FSU, UCCE, and UCVMTRC. Classes and “hands-on animal” sessions at the Fresno State U. dairy facility. Details on agenda, costs and other items in next newsletter.

Farm Energy Cost Reduction Seminar. Edison AgTAC building, Tulare, Friday, August 3rd, from 1 to 3 p.m. No fee or prior registration. Agenda: CEC/WUD State Cost Share Grant Program, industry presentations on methane capture, lagoon covers and engine digesters. For additional information call 530-658-4466.

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