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Dairy Commodity Markets & Industry News

Sustainability Initiatives

As previously reported, Dairy Management Inc. (DMI) has been providing leadership for dairy industry initiatives related to sustainability. One part of this is a comprehensive calculation of the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with milk. On September 22, research results were published, verifying the efficient production system in the United States. The study finds that the dairy industry is responsible for less than 2 percent of U.S. GHG emissions. Of milk's GHG emissions, roughly 72 percent comes before milk reaches the farm gate, from feed, cow-emitted methane, manure management and energy use.

We know that many DFA members have long been implementing resource conservation initiatives on their farms and contributing to community environmental efforts. We want to learn more about these efforts to better communicate conservation successes within the Cooperative.

In the box on the right, we have listed several examples of sustainability initiatives that many DFA members practice. If you would like to share the measures implemented on your farm, please circle any practices in which you participate. Fax, e-mail or mail the selections to: JP Jewell, 816-801-6119, jjewell@dfamilk.com or 10220 N. Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO, 64153.

Farm name: _____

Member number: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Interested in learning more about an energy audit or renewable energy? Check here: _____

CME Daily Cash Prices				
	Today	Previous	Change	Trades
Blocks	\$1.7500	\$1.7500	0.00 ¢	0
Barrels	\$1.7350	\$1.7350	0.00 ¢	0
Butter	\$2.2300	\$2.2250	0.50 ¢	0
Class III Futures Prices & 2011 Average				
	Today	Previous	Change	3-Yr Avg
Sep-10	\$16.28	\$16.26	2 ¢	\$16.15
Oct-10	\$16.55	\$16.53	2 ¢	\$16.19
Nov-10	\$15.97	\$15.94	3 ¢	\$16.27
Dec-10	\$15.27	\$15.31	(4) ¢	\$16.95
Jan-11	\$14.58	\$14.60	(2) ¢	\$14.87
Feb-11	\$14.00	\$14.03	(3) ¢	\$13.54
Jan-11 - Dec-11	\$14.41	\$14.43	(2) ¢	
Class III Milk-Feed Margin Prices & 2011 Average				
	Today	Previous	Change	
Sep-10	\$8.10	\$8.08	2 ¢	
Oct-10	\$7.30	\$7.16	14 ¢	
Nov-10	\$6.72	\$6.57	15 ¢	
Dec-10	\$5.85	\$5.78	7 ¢	
Jan-11	\$5.14	\$5.04	10 ¢	
Feb-11	\$4.56	\$4.47	9 ¢	
Jan-11 - Dec-11	\$5.21	\$5.12	9 ¢	

Prices for all Class III futures are available by calling 1-877-424-3343.

Please note that we are reporting daily settlements of Dairy Risk Management Services' (DRMS) new milk-feed margin contract. For more information, contact DRMS at 1-877-424-3343 or log on to myDFA at www.dfamilk.com and look under the Farm Services tab in the DRMS section.

- ◆ Recycle water for cleaning
- ◆ Undergo a comprehensive energy audit
- ◆ Buffer vegetation along waterways
- ◆ Participate in carbon markets
- ◆ Recognition for soil and water conservation practices
- ◆ Participate in soil and water conservation boards
- ◆ Conservation or no-till farming
- ◆ Anaerobic digestion and methane capture systems for manure
- ◆ Use of precision agriculture and variable rate systems to minimize runoff
- ◆ Comprehensive nutrient management plans
- ◆ Using plate coolers, variable speed motors and efficient lighting to reduce energy consumption
- ◆ Renewable energy systems (wind, solar, biogas, etc.)
- ◆ Other: _____