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## Visa and Green Card Resources

A visa serves as a permit to apply to enter the United States and it classifies the visit such as business or tourism. Most Vreba-Hoff clients are familiar with an E-2 visa, which is given to someone who intends to make a substantial business investment in the US and play a key role within the organization.

In order to obtain permanent permission to live and work in the US, a Permanent Residence card

(known as a green card) must be obtained. In this issue of New World News, we'll highlight key information shared during the recent visa and green card training session and cover the following topics:

- L, EB-3, and EB-5 visas
- Costs for visa renewal and green cards

- Visa Diversity Lottery
- Resources for further information on visas and immigrating to the US



Due to the changing nature of immigration laws, it can be useful to work with a legal firm that specializes in immigration issues.

If you are looking for a legal firm referral, please contact Marjolein van der Hulst at 419.337.5000.

## Market Data

The Mideast Federal Milk Marketing Order, which includes Michigan, Ohio and the majority of Indiana, experienced decreases in three milk price classes.

For more information on the milk marketing system, visit the resources page at [www.vrebahoff.com](http://www.vrebahoff.com)

September 2002 Prices announced on 8/30/02		
Class of Milk	Price per 100 pounds (or 45.36 kg.)	Change from Previous Month
I	\$12.68	-\$0.14
II	\$11.07	-\$0.07
III	\$9.54	+\$0.21
IV	\$10.41	-\$0.04

\*The Class I price is adjusted based on location and will range from \$12.28—\$12.78.

## Dairy gets grants to turn manure into electricity

Fair Oaks Dairy Farm, a 10,000 cow facility in Indiana, has received three grants to help defray the cost of investing in methane digesters to produce electricity.

The Newton County dairy has been awarded a total of \$155,723 in grant money. Of that total, \$95,723 is from the U.S. Department of Energy, \$30,000 is from the Indiana Department of Commerce's energy policy division and \$30,000 is a matching grant from the state.

Although Fair Oaks has a total of 10,000 milking cows, the farm is organized into four separate dairy operations. The methane digester will be built on one of the sites which houses 3,000 cows. Once this project is complete, the dairy will have three 250-kilowatt electric generators that will supply the dairy plus provide electricity for about 350 houses.

Source: The Journal and Courier, Greater Lafayette, Ind. -

# Upcoming Training on Indiana Environmental Management Rules

Vreba-Hoff Dairy Development invites all Indiana clients and their key farm managers to attend a training on working with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.



Discussion topics will include:  
 -How to comply with IDEM's rules  
 -Dealing with Inspectors  
 -Required Record keeping

Date: Wed., October 16  
 Time: 1:00 - 4:00 PM  
 Location: Farm Bureau Office  
 Tipton, Indiana

The training presenter will be Brian Daggy from the Indiana Farm Bureau.

**If you are interested in attending the training, please call the Vreba-Hoff office by Monday, October 7th at 419-337-5000.**

## Visa Diversity Lottery - Mail-In Deadline is October 20th

Each year, 50,000 immigrant visas are made available through a lottery to people who come from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States.

The State Department's National Visa Center holds the lottery every year, and chooses winners randomly from all qualified entries. Anyone who is selected under this lottery will be given the opportunity to apply for permanent residence.

If permanent residence is granted, then the individual will be author-

ized to live and work permanently in the United States. You will also be allowed to bring your spouse and any unmarried children under the age of 21 to the United States.



### *How Do I Apply?*

Before each year's lottery drawing, the Department of State publishes explicit instructions on how to apply in press releases and the Federal Register. Please follow all directions exactly. Millions of applicants are

rejected each year for failure to follow the directions.

For more information on the Diversity Visa Lottery Program, please see the State Department Website at:  
<http://travel.state.gov/DV2004.html>

Remember, the mail-in deadline is October 20, 2002.

Source: <http://www.ins.usdoj.gov/graphics/howdoi/divlott.htm>

## The Blackboard

Due to an interest in improving Spanish language skills, a couple of basic Spanish words will be featured in each issue of New World News.

If there are specific dairy terms or phrases you've found helpful to use on your dairy operation, please email them to [newsletter@vrebahoff.com](mailto:newsletter@vrebahoff.com)

### Spanish Dairy Terms

Number	English Word	Spanish Word	Spanish Pronunciation
1	tomorrow	mañana	mawn-YAW-naw
2	today	hoy	Ohee
3	yesterday	ayer	aw-YAYR

Source: Simplified Dairyman's Spanish; Utah State University

## Types of E Visas Available

Certain foreign nationals may qualify for an immigrant visa to live and work permanently in the US.

There are four classes of employment-based visas generally available to foreign nationals seeking to immigrate permanently to the US:

- "EB-1" visa  
Workers of extraordinary ability, outstanding professors and researchers, and multinational executives and managers;
- "EB-2" visa  
Members of professions holding advanced degrees and aliens of exceptional ability in the sciences, arts and business;
- "EB-3" visa  
Skilled workers and professionals without advanced degrees
- "EB-5" visa  
Investors of at least \$1 million in a U.S. business.



For more information regarding immigrant visas, see: [www.immigrate2america.com/visa.htm](http://www.immigrate2america.com/visa.htm)

## EB-3 Skilled Worker Options

*This article briefly reviews the EB-3 visa, which several families were interested in.*

As a skilled worker you may be granted permanent residence status (Green Card) based on employment EB-3, if you have a job offer in the United States and you qualify through the Labor Certification Process. You do not need to work for the employer when the application is made.

This process essentially establishes that no qualified U.S. worker can be found at the time to fill the vacant position, and that the employment of a foreign national will not have negative consequences for similarly employed U.S. workers.

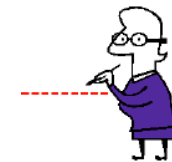
The "skilled worker" category comprises:

- Professional workers, namely aliens with the equivalent of a Bachelor's university degree and those who are members of a profession, such as a computer analyst.
- Skilled workers, such as carpenters, a category that is defined more by the requirement of the position than by the education or experience of the potential worker. These jobs require at least two years experience.

The Labor Certification application is always made by the employer on behalf of the employee. In the EB-3 category of eligibility, Labor Certification is always a requirement.

Source: [www.us-businessvisas.com](http://www.us-businessvisas.com)

### Work Authorization Permits



Spouses of E2, L, and J visa holders are eligible for a work authorization permit.

If you are interested in obtaining this permit, please contact Marjolein van der Hulst at 419.337.5000 and she can assist you with the form requirements.

# EB-5 Visa Information

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF VISA:

EB-5 Visas are available to alien investors who seek permanent resident status in the U.S.

## WHO MAY QUALIFY:

EB-5 Visas are available to alien investors who invest capital in a new commercial enterprise in the United States. The minimum capital required is \$1,000,000.

## HOW TO QUALIFY:

To qualify for an EB-5 Visa, the alien's \$1,000,000+ investment must create full-time employment for at least 10 qualifying U.S. citizens or immigrant workers (other than the applicant or his/her immediate family) within two years.

### New Commercial Enterprise:

To be deemed a qualifying investment for the purposes of obtaining an EB-5 Visa, the new commercial enterprise may consist of one of the following:

- (1) The creation of an original business;
- (2) The purchase of an existing business and its simultaneous or subsequent restructuring or reorganization so that a new commercial enterprise results;
- or

(3) The expansion of an existing business so that its net worth or the number of employees increases by 40 percent.

The investor still needs to show the minimum financial investment and the creation of at least 10 jobs. However, the 40 percent increase can be reached by pooling all capital with other investors.

### Form of Investment:

To be deemed a qualifying investment for the purposes of obtaining an EB-5 Visa, the investment can be cash, equipment, inventory, other tangible property, cash equivalents, and indebtedness secured by assets owned by the alien investor. The investor must, however, be personally and primarily liable and that the assets of the new commercial enterprise are not used to secure any of the indebtedness. All capital is valued in U.S. dollars.

### DURATION OF STATUS:

EB-5 Visa status is conditional for a period of two years. A petition to remove the conditional status must be filed within ninety days before the second anniversary. Thereafter, the status becomes permanent.

Please Note: This Web Site information is intended for general in-



The minimum capital required for an EB-5 visa is \$1,000,000.

formation purposes only. It is not intended to constitute a legal opinion and must not be relied upon for any specific application.

Be advised that immigration laws and policies change frequently. In light

of the complexities and changes in both the substance and interpretation of U.S. Immigration Law, it is necessary to seek competent legal advice concerning the application of U.S. immigration law to any particular individual.

Source: [www.us-businessvisas.com](http://www.us-businessvisas.com)

### Did you know . . .

A minimum of 140,000 employment-based immigrant visas are available for the E category each year. This amount is divided into the E visa preference groups.

# A Look at Intra-Company Transferees (L-1) Non-Immigrant Visas

Please note that specific details of immigrant and non-immigrant visa types can be found online at [www.imwong.com](http://www.imwong.com)

This article briefly reviews the description for Intra-Company Transferees visas, which several families were interested in.

L-1 visas are available for people who have worked for a company in a foreign country which is a parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of an American business. The foreign national's employment with the company in the foreign country must include employment for at least one of the past three years, prior to entering the USA, in an executive, managerial, or specialized knowledge capacity.

The Immigration and Naturalization

Service (INS) considers managerial to mean managing an individual who is working in a position which requires a university-level degree professional (e.g., electrical engineer), being a "second tier" manager (e.g., someone who manages a person who manages others), or managing a key function of the business. INS looks to independent decision-making, ability to hire/terminate employees, lack of supervision, a high salary, and other factors to determine whether an individual qualifies as executive or managerial.

To qualify under the specialized knowledge category, it must be shown that the employee possesses specialized knowledge related to the busi-

ness which is not easily available elsewhere. L-1 visas for existing American companies can be approved for an initial period up to three (3) years. An extension of four (4) more years is available for an L-1A and an extension for two (2) more years is available for an L-1B.



With a newly established American subsidiary, INS can approve an L-1 visa for up to one (1) year. After that year, as long as the American operation has flourished, a staff has been hired, and the employee is performing executive, managerial, or specialized knowledge activities in accordance with INS requirements, an extension of the L-1 visa for up to three (3) years can be available. For more information, visit: <http://www.imwong.com/l1.htm>

## Green Card Contacts and Fees

The following fee information was quoted to Vreba-Hoff Dairy Development and is provided as an estimate only. Each family should contact the law firm directly to obtain pricing on their specific situation.

**Mr. Paul Gleiberman**  
**Beins, Goldberg & Gleiberman**  
Attorney at Law  
5335 Wisconsin Ave, NW suite 910  
Washington, DC 20015

FEE: Will work for a capped fee with half down. No additional fee to be paid if not successful in getting green card.

**Mr. Mike Wooley**  
**Braun, Kendrick Finkbeiner, PLC**  
4301 Fasion Square Blvd.  
Saginaw, MI 48603  
Ph: 989-498-2100  
Fax: 989-799-4666  
email: [mikwoo@bkf-law.com](mailto:mikwoo@bkf-law.com)

FEE: Charges by the hour; suggest whole process should take between \$5,000-\$10,000. Requires about up front deposit.

**Mr. Bill Rosner**  
**Rosner & Associates**  
Ph: 216-771-5588  
No specific fees available.

**Mrs. Lori A Pinjuh**  
**Margaret Wong Assoc. Co. LPA**  
1128 Standard building  
1370 Ontario Street  
Cleveland, OH 44113

Ph: 216-566-9908  
Fax: 216-566-1125  
email [pinjuh@imwong.com](mailto:pinjuh@imwong.com)  
FEE: The following is a breakdown, but does not include office cost of \$150 and filing fees:

\$6,000 for L's;  
\$8,000 for EB-13. (international transferees)  
If 3 or more families come, reduce by 10%. (L extensions are \$3,500);

EB-5 cases (Entrepreneur investment) - \$15,000 each. If 3 or more families come, reduce by 10%;

Nurse I-140/I-485 \$7,000 each.  
Marriage based cases (marriage to US citizen or Permanent Resident) - \$1,500 each;

Work authorization based on E-2 or I-485 - \$200 each+ filing fee (\$120); no additional office cost will be billed.

Advanced Parole based on I-485 filing - \$250 each+ filing fee (\$110); no additional office cost will be billed.

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### **New Arrival**



Congratulations to Michael and Cecilia Conway on the birth of their son, Nicolas Michael Ian. Nicolas was born on Sept. 18 and joins older brother, Alexander, at their home in Sylvania, Ohio.

## Announcements

### **Custom Heifer Raising**

Let us custom raise your dairy heifers. Any size. Capacity up to 1000 head. New facilities, call toll-free at 1-877-674-5132. Located in Ohio.

### **365-cow Herd for Sale**

Freestall cows with 93 bred heifers. Herd is 100% AI bred with 25% registered and with papers. DHI production tested. Current calving interval at 13 ½ months. 65% of the herd are first and second lactation

cows. Located in Portage County Ohio, 25 miles south of Cleveland.

Contact: Brian Alger

Phone: 330-274-2491

Fax: 330-274-0383

### **Oswald 250 Mix Wagon for Sale**

It is year 2000 wagon with a hay saw and digital scale. For more information, call Todd Conrad at

Ph: 937-465-3590

Cell: 937-239-8638

## Online Resources for Immigration Information

instructions and forms for a work permit on this site

[www.verenigdestatenva-namerika.com](http://www.verenigdestatenva-namerika.com)

This site contains from Dutch people who also took the step to relocate to the US.

## Address Changes



Please make note of the following address updates.

Harm and Yvonne Vande Kolk  
9160 Dover Drive  
Wauseon, OH 43567

J. C. Van Erk  
Slingerweg 25  
3896 LO Zeewolde  
The Netherlands

Peter and Ina Van Ittersum  
233 Thistlewood CT. Apt 526  
Van Wert, OH 45891

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[www.imwong.com](http://www.imwong.com)

Here you'll find a lot of information about visas and other immigrant/nonimmigrant issues

[www.us-immigration.org](http://www.us-immigration.org)

The site provides visa information

[www.insdoj.gov](http://www.insdoj.gov)

This official US government Web site provides forms for different kinds of visas. You can also find the

### Online Searches Suggested

You can also locate useful Web sites by typing keywords like "Visa United States" or something similar into search engines.

### Visa Booklet Available

If you would like a booklet explaining the types of visas available, please call Marjolein at 419.337.5000.