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### Greencard Reminder

The Margaret Wong law firm has discounted pricing available when 3 or more families work with them to obtain their greencards. At this time, more than 3 families have already contacted Vreba-Hoff about working with the Wong law firm.

If you are also interested in working with the Wong law firm for your greencard, please call Marjolein at 419.337.5000.

### World Dairy Leaders

Dutch Rabobank has listed the world's biggest dairy companies, based on annual turnover. Annual turnover is the gross amount of income received by the business.

Nestle leads the world, with \$13.5 billion in turnover. But three U.S. companies, Dean Foods, Dairy Farmers of America and Kraft come in 2, 3, and 4. French Danone rounds out the top five.

Source: agweb.com

## New Political Landscape Mixed Bag for Farm Policy

"It depends on the issue," American Farm Bureau Federation public policy specialist Mark Maslyn told Agriculture Online today when asked about the changes November's elections may bring for the agriculture industry. Maslyn says there's no substantive change in the composition of the House, and changes in the Senate, while significant, are not enough to dramatically alter their legislative agendas. He says the new

political landscape looks good for agriculture-related tax issues, but not as good for energy issues, and says farm policy may be a mixed bag.

In the Senate, what's different is that the Republicans will control the agenda and the flow of legislation from committees to the floor.

"That's a big difference,"

Maslyn says. Homeland Security for example, he thinks will have support from the Senate leadership, as will tax issues.



"For example, we've been working hard on permanent repeal of the death tax, and I think that is likely to come out of committee now," he says. "Senate leadership will be working to pass it. Other tax legislation is the same story."

Source: agriculture.com

## Market Data

The Mideast Federal Milk Marketing Order, which includes Michigan, Ohio and the majority of Indiana, experienced increases 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)

October 2002 Prices announced on 11/01/02		
Class of Milk	Price per 100 pounds (or 45.36 kg.)	Change from Previous Month
I	\$12.35	-\$ .31
II	\$11.12	+\$ .21
III	\$10.72	+\$ .80
IV	\$10.50	+\$ .28

\*The Class I price is adjusted based on location and will range from \$11.95-\$12.45.

## Upcoming Michigan Conference: Dairy Herd Turnover—How to Control It

If you are concerned about herd turnover and culling rates, you may want to attend Michigan State University's dairy turnover program.

The daylong program will cover:  
-How to Monitor Your Herd's Culling

-Making Business Decisions—Based on using Herd Turnover Data  
-Technical Tips to Control Turnover including: udder health, metabolic/nutritional disorders, infectious diseases, reproduction, lameness and injuries.

The meetings will be held during January 21—February 19, 2003 at select locations throughout the state. Pre-registration for the program is \$40/person and includes lunch. Call Pam Jahnke at 517.353.4570 for the locations and further details.

## Upcoming Ohio Dairy Events

### Nov. 20, 2002 Livestock Composting Certification Program

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Paulding County Extension Center located at the Paulding County Fairgrounds, Ohio

Contact: Pre-register by November 18th by calling Glen Arnold 419.523.6294 (office)  
419.235.4724 (cell)

### Nov. 27, 2002 Northwest Ohio Livestock Producers Meeting Topic: Emergency Management Time: 11:30 am—2:00 pm

Location: Youth Leadership Building at Paulding County Fairgrounds, Ohio

Cost: \$ 7.00. Call ahead and then lunch will be provided.

Contact:  
Pre-register by calling 419.399.8225 or contacting Terry Wehrkamp at terryw@cooperfarms



### Dec. 16—17, 2002 Ohio Dairy Management Conference

Location: University Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, Columbus, Ohio

Description: The conference is intended to provide Ohio dairy

producers with the most current information on managing their dairy operations. The conference will focus on herd management, financial management, labor management, expansion and personal time management.

Fee: \$99/person; \$185/couple  
Pre-registration deadline is November 29th. If you register after the deadline, you'll be charged an additional \$30/person.

Contact: For more information, contact Amanda Hargett at 614.688.3143 or hargett.5@osu.edu

## The Blackboard

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

### Spanish Dairy Sentence

<b>English</b>	Feed the cows before you finish.
<b>Spanish</b>	Alimente a las vacas antes de terminar.
<b>Pronunciation</b>	aw-lee-MEN-tay aw laws VAW-caws Awn-tess DAY tayr-mee-NAWR.

Source: Simplified Dairymen's Spanish; Utah State University

# Vreba-Hoff Coordinates Training with Farm Bureau on Indiana's Environmental Management Procedures

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Proper operating procedures and record keeping requirements were discussed at a recent training held for Vreba-Hoff clients farming in Indiana.

Indiana's natural resources such as water and air are regulated by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and like other states, Indiana recently had changes in their permit process.

Brian Daggy, from the Indiana Farm Bureau, provided instruction on how

to meet the IDEM compliance guidelines and explained what information has to be included in the record keeping for IDEM reviews.

There was also discussion on what IDEM looks for and what the requirements are during an IDEM inspection. Inspection frequency is determined by the operation's level of compliance with the regulations. In general, inspections are done on an annual basis but they will be more frequent if



there are compliance issues.

Mr. Daggy is available for private consultation for a fee on specific issues and can be reached at 317.692.7828.

Others assisting with the training included an Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance representative and a Farm & Crop Specialist.

For more information on Farm Bureau, please see the article on page 4.

# Composting Projects Helps Remove Manure from Watershed

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An innovative program to remove manure from Texas' North Bosque and Leon River watersheds is making a difference. Since its inception in October 2000, about 590,000 tons of dairy cattle manure from 90 dairies has been hauled from the dairies, composted and shipped out of the watersheds.

The program, which was designed to help reduce water pollution, was brought to life with federal funds and is administered by the state. So far the largest customer for the dairy compost is the Texas Department of Transportation who has used the compost to establish roadside erosion control and silt control projects. The goal however, is a composting program that can stand on it's own two feet financially.

State agencies are looking to expand the market for the compost.

So far, about \$15 million in state and federal funds have been used in the program. The funds are filtered down to the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "319" program. The 319 designation refers to a section of the Clean Water Act that deals with pollution from farms or from storm runoff.

The two state agencies use the funds to pay truckers to haul manure from the dairies to seven composting sites mostly located in Erath County, and to develop markets for the compost. In addition

state and local agencies that purchase the compost can receive a rebate of \$5 per cubic yard.

Anxiously watching this pilot program is the city of Waco. The city's concerns over water quality and dairy waste from upstream polluting Lake Waco — the city's water supply — have intensified the past few years. The city has even been purchasing compost from the project.

Although the program has been deemed a success so far, the biggest question looming is whether or not the dairy composting industry will survive when the federal funds currently supporting it run out.

*Waco Tribune-Herald*

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## Announcements

### Assistance in Animal Waste Removal Available

For more information contact:  
Tony Holtz at 417.467.7509 or  
517.605.8101.

### Shipping Container Space Available

Family Assen has room left in a container they are shipping from the Netherlands to the USA. If you are interested in using the available container space, contact Pieter Assen at 740.506.0460 (cell)

### Northeast Indiana Custom Calf Raiser Available

For more information, contact:

Craig Simons  
11582 North-100 East  
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Email: cs7122@yahoo.com  
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**Be sure to keep your Immigration Documents Valid**  
Please check your passport, I-94 card, and visa to make sure each of the document's dates are valid. If you have concerns, call Marjolein at 419.337.5000.

## An Introduction to Farm Bureau

The screenshot shows the American Farm Bureau website. The main headline is "Former CIA Chief Backs Renewable Fuels". Below the headline, it says "A former CIA director says renewable fuel development is essential for ending our dependence on Middle East oil, which is producing the wealth that underlies the strength of radical groups that seek to destroy the U.S." There are also sections for "AG NEWS" and "STATE ROUNDUP".

programs that will improve the financial well-being and quality of life for farmers and ranchers.

Some examples of Farm Bureau activities are:

-developing and promoting legislative policies for local, state and national governments;



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As you become more involved in your local county agricultural activities, you may hear of an organization known as the Farm Bureau.

Farm Bureau is the nation's largest farm organization with over 5 million members and its active in all 50 states. The organization's mission is to implement policies developed by the farmer members and provide

-providing social and business programs to farmers on areas such as estate planning or emergency response training;

Activities vary by county and state. If you are interested in learning more about Farm Bureau or becoming a member, please visit [www.fb.com](http://www.fb.com)



*Happy Thanksgiving! This American holiday comes from a special meal shared between the Indians and Pilgrims in the 1600s. The custom of an annually celebrated thanksgiving, held after the harvest, has continued through the years and will be celebrated on Thursday, November 28th.*