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Safety Tips for Severe Weather

The last few months you might have had some severe weather. Floods, lightning, and even tornado's can be part of severe weather patterns. Here are some general tips to keep yourself safe:

General weather safety tips:

- Know what to do before an emergency occurs. Turn on your local media for up-to-date weather information.

Flood safety tips:

- Make sure all family members know how to

respond after a flood. Learn how and when to turn off gas, electricity and water.

- Don't drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else.



Tornado safety tips:

- The safest place to be during a tornado is underground, like in a basement or under the basement stairs. If your home does not have a basement, go to a small room, like a

bathroom or closet on the lowest level, away from windows and as close to the center of the structure as possible.

Lightning safety tips:

- If you hear thunder, you can be struck by lightning. Go to a safe shelter immediately, such as a sturdy building or vehicle. Do not take shelter in small sheds, under isolated trees or in convertible cars or stand in open areas.

Source:
Fulton County Expositor

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Need Employees?

Agri-management Group, Ltd. can locate and screen qualified employee candidates and can check references and educational backgrounds. Check www.agri-man.com for more information or call 608-221-3213.

Need Hay?

Producer of quality alfalfa and mixed hay, located in central Ohio is interested in working with dairies. If you are interested, please call Mr. Poling at 937-243-6494 or 937-243-8258.

Custom chopping

Clute Harvesting, Inc. is located in Attica, Indiana and does custom chopping. If you are interested you can contact Keith Clute at 765-426-8845 or keithclute@ffni.com

Market Update

The Mideast Federal Milk Marketing Order, which includes Michigan, Ohio and the majority of Indiana, milk prices are shown to the right.

For daily milk market information, visit: www.dairy.com and go to the "Dairy Reports" section.

*The Class I price is adjusted based on location and will range from \$16.42 to \$16.92 in the Mideast Order.

August 2004 Milk Prices (announced on 09/03/04)		
Class of Milk	Price per 100 pounds (or 45.36 kg.)	Change from Previous Month
I Fluid Milk for drinking	\$16.82*	-\$3.33
II Soft products: yogurt, cream cheese	\$13.13	-\$.87
III Cheese	\$14.04	-\$.81
IV Butter, powder milk	\$12.46	-\$.85

Americans Consume More Dairy

The American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Mid East (ADADC) is a dairy farmer-funded promotion organization responsible for increasing demand for milk and dairy products in Ohio, West Virginia and the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program.

The ADADC represents nearly 8,000 farmers and serves as the local affiliate for the American Dairy Association and the National Dairy Council.

The mission of ADADC Mid East is to increase the demand for real dairy products on behalf of dairy farmers.

In 1984 dairy farmers started The Dairy Checkoff Program. Dairy farmers across the country invest 15 cents for every 100 pounds of milk they sell to fund the national dairy promotion Checkoff program. ADADC Mid East receives 10 cents of this mandatory funding for local programs. The remaining 5 cents

goes to the National Dairy Board to fund national promotion, research and export programs.



Dairy farmers Checkoff investments support marketing and advertising campaigns, product ingredient and

nutrition research, and education programs that help build demand for milk and dairy products... and it is just doing that!

- The per person total milk consumption increased almost 9% between 1984 and 2002. That's 47 pounds more dairy per person.
- The per person cheese consumption increased from 19.1 pounds to 30.6 pounds between 1984 and 2002.
- Cheese sales increased by 97% since the Checkoff Program began.

The Dairy Checkoff also:

- Maintains one of the strongest

retail presence of any food commodity;

- Partners with national restaurant chains in developing and marketing cheese-friendly menu items;
- Helps increase milk consumption in school feeding lines by working to introduce single-serve bottles;
- Protects the industry against anti-dairy activists;
- Helps dairy maintain its enviable position within the Food Guide Pyramid;

Without the dairy promotion Checkoff, dairy farmers would not have these strengths in the marketplace, strengths that continue to help find a home for U.S. milk production.

For more information about the Dairy Checkoff Program, you can visit www.drink-milk.com.

Source: ADADC Mid East

Use Gloves to Help Prevent Contagious Mastitis

Mastitis that can be spread from cow to cow is termed contagious mastitis. This kind of mastitis is generally spread at milking time. Milking time hygiene techniques are all designed to prevent the transfer of pathogens from the teat of an infected cow to the teat of an uninfected cow. Mastitis-causing pathogens are easily spread by milkers who do not wear gloves. Wearing latex or nitrile gloves during milking will prevent the

infection from spreading from the milker to a cow. Just make sure gloves are sanitized regularly between cows. The Dairy 2002 study reported that only 32.9% of the operations presented by this study had milkers wearing gloves when milking the cows.



Source: Hoard's Dairyman

Farm Safety... Everyone Wins!

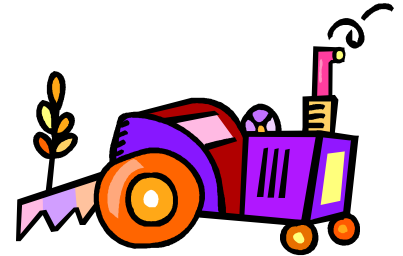
Each year, more than 20,000 kids suffer serious injuries or die in farming-related accidents. The most dangerous things on the farm are equipment and tools, livestock, ATVs, grain bins, silos, ponds, manure pits, animal pens, hay lofts and chemicals.

Farm Safety 4 Just Kids is a non-profit organization founded to promote a safe farm environment to

prevent health hazards, injuries, and fatalities to children. Farm Safety 4 Just Kids has a selection of brochures that would be great for use by parents and grandparents.

You can check out their website www.fs4jk.org for guides on how to teach children to be alert and stay safe on the farm.

Source: USDA /
Indiana Farm Service Agency



Keeping Your Farm in Environmental Compliance

All farm owners and operators are stewards of land and water resources, and this serious responsibility requires a thorough understanding of how farm operations affect the environment.

Having stormwater pollution prevention plans and comprehensive nutrient management plans are great starts. Understanding and appropriately implementing these plans and other management practices are necessary to ensure the protection of natural resources and to ensure compliance with the environmental regulations enforced by state environmental protection agencies and state departments of agriculture.

A few things you can do to properly maintain your farm and remain in environmental compliance include:

1. Seed and mulch all barren areas of your property to prevent soil runoff.

2. Properly manage contact process water and if discharged to a ditch or another water body - get an NPDES permit. Contact process water includes overflow water for drinkers, plate cooling water and purification water. While this may seem like clean water, it still must be properly managed to avoid thermal pollution to waterways.

3. Separate and contain silage leachate. Install berms around the silage area or collect the leachate in a manure pond or a separate silage leachate collection pond.

4. Maintain farm operations records. This includes manure application timelines and permit documentation. Keep these in a handy location to share with regulators during compliance inspections.

5. Consider manure management when locating calf hutches. Ma-

nure from calves must also be contained and managed.

6. Carefully manage manure pond volume. The last ideal window for manure land application before spring is October/November. Review regulatory requirements for land application rates to ensure the proper amount of land is available for spreading.

7. Make sure manure spreading equipment is not tracking manure off-site (on roads, etc.) during land application.

8. Update Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan regularly. New application rates exist and soil samples for large CAFOs are required every four years (1 sample per 25 acre basis).

Source: Hull & Associates, Inc.

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Air Emissions

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency could start citing dairies for emitting more than 100 lbs. of ammonia or hydrogen sulfide per day.

Dairies with as few as 200 cows may be above this threshold. EPA will soon publish its Air Emissions Consent Agree-

ment. Violating farms would pay a penalty of \$200 to \$1,000, depending on herd size.

The money will be used to collect air emission data from typical farms, and researchers will then try to come up with recommendations for abatement.

Source: Dairy Today

Announcements

Calendar

September 21-23

Farm Science Review

Place: Molly Caren Agricultural Center near London, Ohio
Nearly 600 commercial exhibitors represent the entire spectrum of agriculture, from machinery and livestock to equipment and consulting services.

www.fsr.osu.edu

September 28—October 2

World Dairy Expo

Place: Alliant Energy Center of Dane County, Madison, Wisconsin
<http://www.world-dairy-expo.com>

December 2-3

Dairy Management Conference

Place: Columbus, Ohio

Topics: Modern milk marketing, human resource management, fresh cow protocols, planning on expansion, short dry periods, hoof health, transition cow management.

For additional information contact Dr. Normand St.-Pierre at st-pierre.8@osu.edu. Conference information will soon be at dairy.osu.edu **COME AND VISIT!**

Welcome

Welcome to Joop and Wil van Rooijen and their children Noortje and Willem. The van Rooijen family relocated from Schalkwijk, The Netherlands and is now residing at:
310 Rudolph Road
North Baltimore, Ohio 45872

Welcome to Martien en Gees de Haan, their daughter, Mirella, and their son Maico. The de Haan family relocated from Biddinghuizen, the Netherlands and is currently residing at:
52 A. Colonial Drive, Apt. A
Jeffersonville, Ohio 43128

Update contacts

If you have any changes to your address, phone- or fax number or e-mail address, please contact the office. We like to have correct contact information so that we can reach you when we receive new and interesting information.

I-94 or Visa Expiration?

Keep in mind that the date or D/S notation, shown on your Arrival-Departure Record, I-94 or I-94W is the official record of your authorized length of stay in the US. You cannot use the visa expiration date in determining or referring to your permitted length of stay in the US!



Please carefully consider the dates of your authorized stay and make sure you are following the procedures. Failure to do so will cause you to be out-of-status.

Staying beyond the period of time authorized and out-of-status in the US, is a violation of US immigration laws and may cause you to be ineligible for a visa in the future for return travel to the US. Need more information? Please check www.travel.state.gov/visa.