

New World News



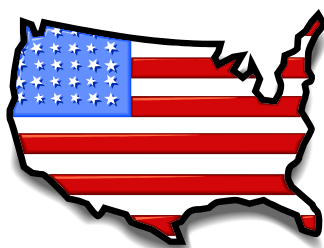
Visa Lottery 2006

It is time to participate in the annual Visa Lottery again. The U.S. Department of State will issue 50,000 permanent residency visas ('Green Cards') to the winners of the Visa Lottery, that opens November 6th.

If you are not an American citizen, you should participate in this program. We had a winner among our clients before!

The instructions and requirements for applying for the lottery are included with this

newsletter. Please note: only applications entered electronically will be accepted. No paper applications will be accepted.



The website www.dvlottery.state.gov will be opened between November 5th, 2004 and January 7th, 2005. Please make sure you

enter the right website (www.dvlottery.state.gov). This is the only official website to enter the lottery. Entering is free. Other websites may promise you the same, but may also charge you for entering. These websites are not official and will not get you into the visa lottery.

If you have any questions regarding the Visa Lottery or the attached information, please contact Francine at our office. Good luck to all of you!

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Heifer raisers

Keith Crone is a heifer raiser in Ashland, Ohio and is interested in raising more heifers. Keith can be reached at 419-651-0591.

Bob Fruth is a former dairy farmer and wants to raise heifers. He is located in Tiffin, Ohio and can be reached at 419-618-2753

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 \$15.74 to \$16.24 in the Mideast Order.

2004 Milk Prices (announced on October 1, 2004)		
Class of Milk	Price per 100 pounds (or 45.36 kg.)	Change from Previous Month
I Fluid Milk for drinking	\$16.14*	-\$.68
II Soft products: yogurt, cream cheese	\$13.66	+.53
III Cheese	\$14.72	+.68
IV Butter, powder milk	\$13.00	+.54



Happy Thanksgiving!!

The 'Fall Slump' and what to do about it

Cows may experience a drop in production when a new crop of silage is fed in what has become known as the 'fall slump'.

Within the rumen, there are billions and billions of rumen microorganisms that are tremendously important in the digestive process in the dairy cow. There are many different species of microorganisms, some species primarily digest fiber and some primarily digest starch. Each species has its own unique requirements.

Nutritionists try to develop a ration that maintains a 'steady state' among the different species of microorganisms. The rumen microorganisms are very sensitive to drastic changes in the ration. To maintain rumen health and maximize digestion, the cow's rations should be as consistent as possible. Whenever an abrupt change in the ration is made, it takes a minimum of 21 days for the rumen environment to return to steady state. This is why nutritionists will gradually introduce changes in the ration to allow the rumen environment to adjust slowly.

When corn silage is harvested, it is placed into a sealed structure and allowed to ferment, preserving the crop. The fermentation process involves lactobacillus organisms in the forage,

converting sugar into acid. The acid eventually builds up within



the sealed structure, dropping the pH sufficiently to preserve the silage. During the fermentation process, the silage is continually changing and is not a consistent feed until it has stabilized.

The fall slump occurs when the unfermented silage replaces a stable fermented silage in the ration. The abrupt and drastic change in the rumen causes a rapid and dramatic change in the rumen population. Also, the unfermented silage is changing every day. This means that each day the silage is fed, an additional change is made to the ration and the rumen environment can not adjust. Eventually, when the silage has finally stabilized, the cow's ration becomes stable and the cows begin to recover. However, because of the practice of feeding unfermented silage, the

fall slump can last up to 60 days and more.

The fall slump can be prevented with a little pre-planning strategy. When planning your corn silage inventories, you should think in terms of a 14- or 15 month supply of fermented feed. This allows you to feed a stable silage while the new crop of corn silage is fermenting and stabilizing. This means you will need a separate storage structure for a two-month supply that can be fed out of while the main structure is being filled with new crop silage.

If you can not devise a strategy to keep a steady supply of stabilized silage available, then there are some things you and your nutritionist should consider in the ration when unfermented silage is fed. First, try to dilute out the unfermented silage. This can be done by temporarily feeding a higher level of good quality hay or fermented haylage. Other things to consider nutritionally would be anything to improve rumen function.

Of course, each individual situation is different and you should consult closely with your nutritionist.

Source: Silage Specifics

Insights into the Green Card Application Process

In this article, two families share their experience with obtaining a Green Card.

In July, 2002, the Arts family decided to start their application for a Green Card. They wanted to apply before their oldest son turned 21 and expected it would take a long time to get any approval. The Oenema family also started the application before their oldest child would turn 21.

After visiting an immigration lawyer, the Arts family learned it was going to be a complicated matter since the lawyer suggested it would be better to contact a professor. That is what they did. A long list of questions had to be answered, both personal matters as well as business-contracts. "They need to have documents of everything, just for proof, and of course it needs to be translated too", says Mrs. Arts. After the application

was sent in, they expected it would take up to 9 months before the documents would be reviewed. The Oenema family was lucky. They entered the annual visa lottery and won! Still, they had to send in a lot of paperwork too.

The Arts family was informed in the beginning of 2004 that their application was approved. Still, they had to go through some medical exams and vaccinations.

The Oenema family was running out of time, since their oldest child was turning 21 soon. They called their lawyer several times to make sure there was some pressure. That helped, the Oenema family received their green card one month before their son's 21st birthday party.

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"Obtain a Green Card as Soon as Possible"

By Mr. Charles A. 'Arnie' de la Porte
Consul of the Netherlands in Ohio

Immigration procedures are complex and strictly enforced, this is not only for non-permanent residents and travelers to the United States, but also in reverse for non-Dutch nationals visiting the Netherlands. All this is an immediate outcome of the 9-11 tragedy.

Sometimes Dutch citizens can be somewhat nonchalant about their travel documents and visas until they experience an unpleasant encounter with immigration officials at the airport or border crossing. At best there is going to be a time delay, but it could cause entry denial, creating problems which

could have been easily avoidable if the rules were followed.

I have been asked many times what can be done to avoid this. As long as a person is not a permanent alien resident, a so-called Green Card Holder, this person is here as a temporary visitor with as major disadvantage the lack of security to know if one can continue to reside in the US.

Visas, especially E2-visas are becoming more difficult to obtain and also more difficult to renew. It cannot be said enough how important it is to obtain a Green Card as soon as you are eligible. Do not postpone to obtain this most important document to secure your stay in this country.

In order to do so consult and/or retain a well experienced immigration lawyer with a good track record. Good lawyers know they are successful and therefore are able to ask what they regard is adequate compensation. Names of such firms are on file at the Vreba-Hoff office.



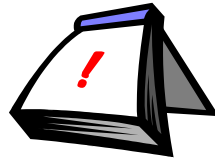
Also this consulate is always available for advice to Dutch citizens and we shall be glad to be of help.

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I-94 Reminder



Please check the dates on the I-94 card. The I-94 card is the little white card in your passport.

Letting your I-94 expire has great consequences. You may be sent back to the Netherlands and your current visa may be revoked immediately. You will receive an USCIS Form I-94 from an USCIS inspector when arriving in the United States. The inspector will decide how long your I-94 will be valid.

Announcements

Calendar

November 16, 17 and 23

December 14

State Health Depts. are focusing on housing provided by farmers for their employees. Ohio State Extension is hosting free seminars to review State law. For more information please contact Mid American Ag and Hort Services at 614-246-8286 or call our office.

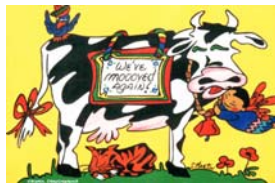
December 2-3

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.

January 25-27, 2005

Dairy calves and heifers: Integrating Management and Biology
Place: Syracuse, NY
A conference for producers and their advisors.
Speakers will share knowledge about growth, economics, nutrition, health and housing.
For more information check www.nraes.org/conferences/calves2005.html

Change of Address



The de Haan family moved to:
15637 Pleasantviewroad NW
South Solon, OH 43153

Simon de Jong moved to:
5409 E Ray Clark Rd
Fremont, IN 46137

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At this time, the Arts family has not received their actual Green Card yet. They have received their work permits and required travel-documents. They were told, getting the actual Green Card might take 30 to 720 days!

Both the Oenema and the Arts families emphasize the timeframe. "Make sure you start your application in time, it will take at least 2 to 2.5 years to get a Green Card", says Mrs. Arts. Mrs. Oenema says not to underestimate the time and effort it will take.

Applying for a Green Card may cost you \$5,000 - \$6,000 per person. But at least, after being granted the card, you are secure of your stay in the US. A visa can not give you that security.

If you would like any additional information, please call the office.

Visa Links

For more information, check the following links:

www.usembassy.nl

www.visaversa.nl

www.uscis.gov