

Social Security for Dependents

The Social Security Administration (SSA) reported that the agency has received confirmation from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) that dependent spouses of E and L principal nonimmigrants are authorized to work incident to status. In other words, the USCIS informed the SSA that dependent spouses of E and L principal nonimmigrants are authorized to work without first obtaining an Employment Authorization Document from the USCIS. Dependent spouses of principal E and L nonimmigrants can apply for a Social Security Number by merely presenting evidence of their marital relationship to the principal E-1, E-2, or L-1 nonimmigrant (such as a marriage certificate and the principal nonimmigrant's immigration documents).



This new development is a significant benefit for E and L dependent spouses. Prior to the recent revision to the SSA procedure, the dependent spouses had to first apply for Employment Authorization Cards before they could apply for SSNs. Therefore, they are now able to obtain the SSNs more quickly which can be used for opening bank accounts, applying for drivers licenses, and applying for other benefits that require the presentation of SSNs.

Although the SSA indicated that the USCIS confirmed that E and L dependent spouses are authorized to work incident to status, this premise is not yet reflected in any federal regulation.

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Heifer Raiser

Bill and Sue Whitman are interested in raising heifers in the South Central Indiana area. They can support 150-200 heifers in excellent forage along with free choice hay. Veterinarian on premises 24/7. Please call 812-876-5613 if you are interested.

Heifer Raiser

Progressive custom heifer raiser in south-east Michigan is expanding. Modern 2000-head facility looking for additional heifers. AI breeding, TMR's, full vaccination program and much more. For brochure and more information call 517-265-7915.

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 \$12.65 to \$13.15 in the Mideast Order.

2006 Milk Prices (announced on September 29, 2006)		
Class of Milk	Price per 100 pounds (or 45.36 kg.)	Change from Previous Month
I Fluid Milk for drinking	\$13.05	-\$.12
II Soft products: yogurt, cream cheese	\$11.74	+\$.58
III Cheese	\$12.29	+\$1.23
IV Butter, powder milk	\$11.10	-\$.46

Bales for Sale

Nate Lightner has 850 bales of wheat straw for sale (3x3x8). \$75,00 per ton, loading available, located in Arlington, Ohio. Please contact Nate at 740-361-4811 or 740-225-5138 if you are interested.

Update on the National Animal Identification System

As part of its ongoing efforts to safeguard U.S. animal health, USDA initiated the implementation of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) in 2004. The long-term goal of the NAIS is to provide animal health officials with the capability to identify all livestock and premises that have had direct contact with a disease of concern within 48 hours after discovery.

Although NAIS is currently a voluntary program, different states implemented different voluntary and mandatory steps.

Indiana

In April, Board of Animal Health (BOAH) board members voted to make premise identification mandatory for all sites associated with the purchase, sale, or exhibition of livestock in the state of Indiana, beginning September 2006. Registration is free and the information required is minimal.

Step two in the NAIS involves individual animal identification. Currently, under NAIS, individual (and group) animal identification is not required. However, Indiana requires individual identification of livestock for specific purposes. Those must be followed regardless of NAIS' requirements.

Contact BOAH at 317-227-0328 or via email animalID@boah.in.gov to learn more.

Ohio

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) is taking the first step in implementing the National Identification System (NAIS) by encouraging Ohio's livestock industry to voluntarily register all premises (farms, markets, exhibitions, packing/processing plants and other locations) that produce, hold or manage livestock. The voluntary registration will be administered by the ODA's Premises Allocation System, using a seven character code that will provide a unique identification to each location.

You can find registration forms on the ODA website (www.ohioagriculture.gov) or call ODA at 614-728-6220 to request a form. The first step to premises registration is to set up an account. The account will be used to manage all three steps of animal identification (premises, animal identification, and animal tracking).

Michigan

The Michigan Agriculture Commission recently approved a mandate that all cattle leaving the farm on or after March 1, 2007 will be required to be tagged with radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tags as part of the new electronic identification program. These RFID tags are also part of the National Animal Health Identification System. The driving force behind this ruling is Michigan's ongoing statewide tuberculosis eradication program.

Michigan is ahead of any national animal identification efforts since a decision on whether the NAIS program will be mandatory or voluntary, won't be made until January 2009.

Michigan cattle producers have three ways of utilizing the RFID tags. The first is to put in the tags per state regulations and not use any animal identification system in your operation. A second option is to use the tags and visually read the numbers and record them with pencil and paper. The third option is to use the RFID reader. This will allow you to automatically record the animal identification number in the reader. After data are collected, it can be loaded into a software program that can store and manipulate information. You can call your local extension dairy educator for more information.

Sources: www.animalid.aphis.usda.gov
www.ohioagriculture.gov
www.in.gov/boah
Michigan Dairy Review



New Vreba-Hoff Staff Members



Above: Brenda Smith



Left: Karen Hoover

Hi, my name is Karen Hoover and I joined Vreba-Hoff Dairy Development in June of this year. I live outside of Liberty Center with my husband Richard; we have three daughters who all live away from home. Our oldest daughter Rachel is 24 and lives in Maumee. Rachel graduated from UT in December 2004 and works in Bowling Green. She has recently become engaged so the wedding plans have begun. Our middle daughter is 22, Amanda lives in Napoleon and works in Defiance, she is the owner of our two "granddogs", Zeplin and Chauncy, they are 6 lb. toy poodles. Natalie is 20 and just recently moved to Bowling Green to attend school.

I like to play golf and work in the yard and in general just like being outside as much as possible. I also enjoy reading and working puzzles, those hobbies are reserved for winter time.

My position with Vreba-Hoff Dairy Development is an accountant; I work with Ad Nieuwenhuis on the many financial aspects of the company. The work is very interesting and I enjoy seeing and meeting all the people associated with the dairy and dairy development process. My previous experience was with the Campbell Soup Company in the finance department. The change has been huge, but I am very much enjoying the work and the people.

My name is Brenda Smith. I joined the Vreba-Hoff Dairy Development Staff on June 21, 2006. I am an accountant and in the process of developing the Support and Monitoring group. The Support and Monitoring group will be available to assist the individual dairies with various different monitoring tasks, which include, but are not limited to: monitoring feed, milk production, cull cows, breeding, new pregnancies, and etc. I also lend a helping hand with different bookkeeping software programs and offer onsite bookkeeping and payroll assistance. In the case where a dairy does not employ a bookkeeper or is just starting up, I create and set-up the books and the supporting accounting software program. Along with maintaining the bookkeeping responsibilities until the dairy is able to become self sufficient. I also assume many other various accounting duties, which include bookkeeping, banking, and real estate, at the Vreba-Hoff office in Wauseon.

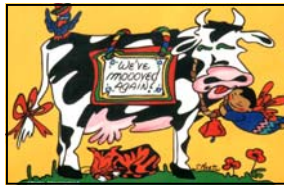
Together with my husband, Chad, and children, Audreanna, and Clayton, we live in Wauseon about 1 1/2 miles from the Vreba-Hoff office. My husband, Chad, is an avid Harley Davidson fan. His interests include NASCAR, football and riding his Harley. Audreanna is 16 years old and is a very busy young lady. Her interests include NASCAR, band and the speech team. Audreanna is capable of fluently playing 8 different instruments. Clayton is 7 years old and is a very busy young man. His interests include NASCAR, third grade soccer and football. As for me, I am the glue that keeps the family together, the "chauffeur" who gets them to their destinations, the "gourmet" chef who can make almost anything out of hamburger, and the housekeeper. In my spare time, I enjoy baking cakes and cookies, and sewing. I started sewing on a machine when I was about 7 years old. My most challenging achievement will be to create and sew my daughter's dress for her Prom this year.

Thank you for allowing me the time to introduce myself. If you have any questions or need accounting assistance, please feel free to call me at 419-337-5000. I look forward to visiting and working with the dairymen (and women).

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Change of Address

Peter, Miranda and Anne van den Heuvel have moved. Their new address is:

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2008 Visa Lottery Open!

Registration for the United States' 2008 Diversity Visa Lottery Program (DV-2008) will be held October 4 to December 3.

Applicants whose names are selected randomly will be eligible to apply for one of 50,000 permanent resident visas made available annually to persons from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States.

Persons seeking to enter the lottery program must register online through the designated website (www.dvlottery.state.gov), and digital photos must be submitted with the registration form. Paper entries will not be accepted.

Registration is free. The State Department will notify winning entrants for the 2008 lottery by mail between May 2007 and July 2007. Applicants should be aware that there is only one official site for the diversity visa lottery registration, according to the State Department.

For more information, please visit www.netherlands.usembassy.gov or call our office.

Source: www.usinfo.state.gov

Copy your Passport

To avoid problems when accidentally losing your passport or visa, make sure you keep copies of both in your files, it will help you apply for a new one if necessary.

Announcements

The World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI (October 3-7, 2006) is the international meeting place for the dairy industry. Expo is a five day event showcasing the finest in dairy genetics and the newest technologies available to the dairy industry.

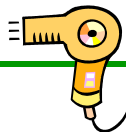
The Ohio Dairy Producers and The Ohio State University Department of Animal Sciences are jointly hosting the 2006 Ohio Dairy Manager's Conference on **October 17, 2006 at The Arden Shisler Center in Wooster, Ohio**. Check www.ohiodairyproducers.org for more information.

Mark your calendars now for the **2007 World Ag Expo, February 13-15, 2007** in Tulare, California.

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Announcements

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is restructuring its confined feeding inspection program to add more compliance visits at new confined feeding operations and concentrated animal feeding operations.

Under the new initiative, which begins immediately, IDEM staff will conduct compliance assistance visits at new facilities within the first six months of their completion of construction. Inspection visits will be conducted within the second six months of the completion of construction.