

**IPDP Industry Updates from  
IPDP Board Meeting  
August 17, 2011**

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- ❖ **BOAH – Terry Philibeck**
  - Brett Marsh was complimentary of the information that Doug Leman and IPDP put out on the Indiana Animal Care Standards
  - A quarantine area has been set up in northern Indiana to facilitate export of replacement heifers to Turkey. At this time, two sites have been licensed by IBOAH as quarantine areas.
  - Animal Care Standards were adopted at the last board meeting.
  - A new dairy inspector was hired for the Fort Wayne area.
  - The Fair Oaks group started shipping to Kroger at the beginning of August.
    - 80 trailers were inspected for Fair Oaks for the new contract
    - 50 to 60 haulers are currently licensed and more will be needed
    - There have been some changes in hauling in Indiana due to the displacement of previous milk hauling routes.
  - FDA milk sampling will take place this fall to determine if there are correlations between tissue residues and potential milk residues. Blind samples will be taken to prevent identification of specific dairy operations.
  - Two farms in Indiana are working on getting approved to become producer/processors. One should be approved in the next week or two. There are also 3 others that are working on the process.
  - Updated Indiana Dairy Farm numbers – 1292 Grade A farms and 240 Grade B farms
- ❖ **Discussion on Somatic Cell Count Standards in Indiana –** There is potential for Indiana to establish its own standard on SCC. This would not affect any milk that is coming into Indiana. Indiana would follow the NMPF proposal to have a phase-in period and drop the SCC level to 400,000 by 2014. Idaho and California do currently have SCC standards that are lower than the 750,000 level. *(IPDP's support on this issue was tabled until further discussion in the future.)*
- ❖ **Indiana Farm Bureau – Greg Slipher**
  - Category 14 trainings and testing sites are going on and will continue into the fall.
  - Livestock expansions – there has been some community pushback on livestock expansions in Kosciusko and Harrison Counties
  - Hendricks County is working on putting forth a noise ordinance which does not exempt any agriculture activities. Please make the IN Farm Bureau aware of any of these ordinances to make sure that they can be addressed if need be.
- ❖ **ISDA Update – John Nagle**
  - CLPP is currently at 61 producers and 100 are in the process of certification. A newsletter has been started for producers in this program.
  - About 5 different rules for Indiana are in the development and review process and are being looked at by ISDA.
  - Note that formal requests must be made to ISDA if anyone would like any assistance with any ordinances.
  - Green Express – Project through CSX railway that would run from Kingsbury, IN to Port Manatee (Tampa Bay, FL area) to help facilitate export of products. Kingsbury would be an incubation hub that would allow for compiling of products for railway cars. There would

also be a possibility of refrigerated cars. Full cars would run both ways and items would be imported to the area as well as products moving south from this area.

❖ Discussion with Joe Kelsay from ISDA

- IPDP Statement of Key Issues
  - Cow numbers are increasing and herd numbers are falling.
  - Regulatory issues are important for the dairy industry. Issues in Indiana include:
    - Animal care issues and activist groups
    - Testing of residues in milk and tissue samples – The testing needs to be done using appropriate tests and methods.
    - Immigrant labor – Regional meetings are being held to work with producers on understanding compliance related to employees and immigration issues. We would like to make sure that Indiana is supportive of immigrants and immigration issues.
    - Dairy policy issues
    - Neighbor relations and the right to farm in Indiana
  - Additional issues
    - Oppose direct raw milk sales
    - Oppose chocolate and flavored milk restrictions
    - Would like to see more dairies in the CLPP

❖ MPSI – Deb Osza and Kimmi Devaney

- 2012 will be the year of the Dairy Cow at the Indiana State Fair
- State Fair Events
  - Our Land Pavilion – Booth and cheese sculpture
  - Media at drive-thru breakfast
  - Milk donations for drive-thru breakfast and pancake breakfast
  - Participation in the daily parade
  - Sponsor of Young Dairy Producer Contest and Skillathon
  - Sponsor of Supreme Champion
  - Dairy Diplomat training
  - Announcements of the new Dairy Princess
  - Media announcements have been promoting the dairy events at State Fair
  - Various media promotions have also been done at the Dairy Bar
- June Dairy Month events included Brunch on the Farm at Norbert's, Dairy Day at Victory Field, and Ice Cream on the Circle in Indy
- Dairy Princess Program – The training was completed last night. School programs will become part of the program this next year.
- Formal Media Training will be November 28 and 29.

❖ IDEM Update – Andy Tauer

- CFO/CAFO Rule Revisions – Comment period opened Aug. 3 and closes Sept. 2. A draft has been released that reflects close to what is going to be presented to the Water Board for final adoption. If the rules go through, it will be taken to the Water Board at the November meeting. It is possible that a date of effectiveness will be included in the rules. The tentative date proposed for the rules to take effect is July 1, 2012.

- Storage of less than 180 days will be possible with documentation, and some winter application will be possible until a water violation occurs.
- Multiple year phosphorus applications will be allowed.
- A phosphorus phase-in period will occur over 7 years, after which no application to fields with soils P levels above 200 ppm will be allowed.
- Anti-degradation rule – Any new dischargers of water into waters of the state will have to demonstrate that they are not adding any pollutants into waters of the state.
- Kosciusko County – Opposition against an expansion for a swine operation has been strong.
  - When operations meet the IDEM standards, the permit will be issued.
- Indiana Office of the State Chemist – The first notice of rule-making has been issued. December 6 in Lafayette is the next hearing for those rules.
- IDEM is working with other government agencies to streamline some of the permitting issues in the state. Recommendations for changes are due to the governor by Jan. 1.
- On August 8, the EPA sent information to OMB to try to collect additional information on integrators and operations.

❖ ISA/ICMC – Liz Kelsay

- ISA has a booth in the Our Land Pavilion with fun promotional items.
- Farm tours are being held next week in West Baden, IN. The tours will include a dairy, turkey farm, feed mill, and beef producer.
- On Aug. 28, ISA is participating in “Dig In” which is an event that will help to promote local products. Chefs will be using local products to make their food items. The event will be held in downtown Indy.
- A barge tour will be held Sept. 1.
- ISA is taking FY 2012 requests for funding and research proposals.
- There is a currently an opening for a Livestock Director at ISA/ICMC (*UPDATE NOTE: this position has currently been filled by Andy Tauer, which will create an opening for ag liaison at IDEM*).