

**IDP Board Meeting
September 24, 2012
Agency Updates**

- Indiana State Department of Agriculture – John Nagle
 - Updates on job openings at ISDA were provided.
 - Meeting on Indiana nutrient reduction strategy was held last week in Iowa and Joe and Sarah attended.
 - Certified Livestock Producer Program (CLPP) – 77 producers have completed the program. A training will be held at SIPAC on Nov. 7 & 8.
 - Grant program – funding has been requested for grants next year. When details are determined, John will let everyone know.

- Indiana Board of Animal Health – Terry Philibeck
 - Aflatoxins – testing milk for aflatoxins is an important issue. A recommendation from IBOAH was issued in Indiana for voluntary testing, stating that mandated testing may be done in the future. Coops are testing already, and grain is being tested as well.
 - Staff update – a new employee has been updated to compliance officer. Interviews are being held for dairy supervisor in early October.
 - During the State Fair, several hogs were diagnosed with the flu virus.
 - The 2013 NCIMS meeting will be held in Indiana in April 2013.
 - On August 1, manufactured milk inspections were resumed. Some milk was disposed of due to improper cooling of canned milk (should be 60 degrees F or less).
 - Commodity prices are increasing – cheese and butter prices have both increased. August milk production was down 0.3% across the U.S.
 - In Indiana, there are currently 1240 Grade A farms and 163 Grade B farms.
 - Raw milk advisory panel – Three meetings were held to develop recommendations. The committee finalized their proposal of recommendations, which will go to the board on Oct. 11 for a vote. The virtual public hearing was held over the summer and over 800 responses were received. The recommendations in the report were to maintain Grade A standards and have additional testing as well.

- Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Steve Howell
 - The new CFO rules are now in place. The staff at IDEM should be working with producers to assist them in getting into compliance. If there are any issues or concerns with any of the new forms, please let Steve know.
 - The EPA 319 grants should be coming out soon as the funds have been released.
 - There are 9 watersheds across the state that IDEM is working with. The drought conditions did impact some of the water monitoring over the summer.
 - The complaints against livestock farms have been down recently.
 - (Andy Tauer) ISA and ICMC have been working with IDEM to try to get the forms up to date so they can get out to producers. An online tool is being developed to assist producers with the new rule. The long-term goal of this tutorial will be to have the forms and record-keeping electronically available for producers.

- Indiana Corn Marketing Council and Indiana Soybean Alliance – Andy Tauer
 - A question was raised about blending levels for aflatoxin. The blending approvals must be made on a state-by-state basis. Inquiries are being made in Indiana as to whether blending of corn with high levels of aflatoxin will be possible in Indiana as well.

- There are still concerns with testing loads and the accuracy of testing. Also, mycotoxins can increase during storage if the grain is not dried and stored properly.
 - Due to the conditions and concerns with mycotoxins, less grain may be stored this year, potentially creating shortages in corn availability next spring.
 - The weather challenges have resulted in some drastic budget cuts, especially in the livestock budget for corn.
 - ISA and ICMC have worked with Purdue throughout the summer to help with drought education efforts.
 - Nutrient reduction efforts – few comments have been received on the draft document at this point and time. A meeting with agriculture and environmental groups will be held in the upcoming weeks to discuss the nutrient reduction strategies that are being proposed. Determining research strategies will be an important part of the draft and is an area that requires further input.
 - Livestock tours – Oct. 29-30. They will be going to Seven Hills Dairy as part of the tour. The focus of this tour will be more on engaging local government.
 - Livestock, Grain and Forage Forum will be held on Monday, Feb. 11, 2013. There will now be one species specific session in the afternoon, followed by a final joint session.
- Milk Promotion Services of Indiana – Kimmi Devaney and Deb Osza
 - A new dairy princess was crowned in July. Annie Achen is the new dairy princess.
 - Every single day campaigns – The Estes family was featured in the most recent campaign.
 - A Fuel Up to Play 60 training camp was held here in Indiana.
 - Upcoming dates:
 - December 13 – Community communication training
 - January 18 – Event at Fort Wayne Farm show
 - A national learning connection was held in conjunction with the Fuel Up to Play 60 event and included a couple of Indiana dairy producers.
 - The National Dairy Board voted to fund 3rd party verification programs with check-off money.
 - The Year of Dairy Cows was very successful and provided a lot of promotion for the dairy industry.
 - ❖ LuAnn Troxel was presented with a gift from Deb Osza and MPSI as a “Thank You” for her tremendous contributions to the dairy industry.
- Indiana Beef Cattle Association – Dave Forgey
 - They made an additional \$3500 in profit due to the provolone sales during the State Fair. Questions are being raised as to whether the cost of the ribeye sandwiches is too high to reach a wide audience at State Fair.
- Dairy Policy – Dave Forgey
 - At this time, the farm bill is still pending and has not passed.
 - There is not a lot happening with dairy policy right now. The attendance at the farm bill dairy sessions was generally low.
- Partner’s in Success Luncheon – Friday, November 9 at the Indiana Soybean Alliance/Indiana Corn Marketing Council Headquarters on 74th Avenue in Indianapolis. It will be a luncheon from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m.