

Dairy Relief-Hurricane Fund Helps Hurricane Katrina Victims

Dairy Relief, in conjunction with the National Milk Producers Federation, has set up a special fund for dairy farmers and other interested parties to donate money to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Early estimates say this natural disaster could cost anywhere from \$10 to \$25 billion, which would be the largest loss from a single event since Sept. 11, 2001.

"Dairy Relief has discovered that people in the dairy community always step up to contribute when others are in need," said Carl Baumann, Executive Director of Dairy Relief. "That is why we have set up this fund to assist the millions of people affected by this disaster."

The money collected through Dairy Relief, Inc., will be sent

to the American Red Cross. All contributions made to the "Dairy Relief-Hurricane Fund" ultimately will be donated to the victims and their families.

"At times like these dairy farmers across the country have demonstrated their compassion, we once again are providing an easy way for you to help where there is massive loss and destruction," said Jerry Kozak, President & CEO of NMPPF.

In September, MMPA employees donated over \$2,500 to the Dairy Relief Hurricane Fund. Individual donations came from employees at all MMPA locations as well as funds generated from a silent auction held in Novi.

Tax-deductible contributions should be mailed to the "Dairy Relief - Hurricane Fund," c/o the National Milk Producers Federation, 2101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 400, Arlington, VA 22201.

Formed in 1998, Dairy Relief is the only U.S.-based charitable organization whose sole purpose is providing quality American dairy products to needy people around the world. Dairy Relief is run by a volunteer board of dairy farmers and dairy cooperative executives. Dairy Relief accepts either tax-deductible cash contributions, or in-kind product contributions. For more information on Dairy Relief, Inc., contact Carl Baumann at (618) 654-3676.

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When submitting samples to Antel-Bio, the "Antel-Bio" card must be filled out with the appropriate test marked and must accompany the samples to the laboratory. In addition, the Antel-Bio submission form must be filled out completely; indicating the producer information as well as the preferred method for dissemination of results. Although Johnes and BLV are two different tests that can be run on the same sample, producers will be charged for each test marked on the card. Samples should be frozen or preserved if delivery to the laboratory is delayed.

Sending in Samples

MMPA Member Representatives have the sampling instructions, appropriate forms, submission cards and supplies necessary to submit samples for testing by outside laboratories. Samples can be sent in with your milk hauler. Once the samples arrive at the Novi laboratory, they are processed and delivered on Tuesdays to the appropriate laboratory, either MSU DCPAH or Antel-Bio. Samples that are received before Tuesday are frozen to ensure freshness until they are delivered to the appropriate laboratory.

Samples and appropriate forms can also be delivered via a courier or in person to MSU DCPAH or Antel-Bio.



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