

Mycoplasma (\$18/sample)

MMPA producers were originally given a teaching discount on the *Mycoplasma* testing. **Effective 10-01-05, the fee for *Mycoplasma* testing will be increased to \$18 per sample.**

The prevalence of *Mycoplasma* is an increasing concern for dairy producers. Since *Mycoplasma* organisms shed on an intermittent basis, it is recommended to test three consecutive bulk tank pickups to establish if the organism is present. Unlike typical mastitis causing organisms, *Mycoplasma* has atypical growth requirements that require specialized culturing techniques. Due to the unique nutrient requirements and growth patterns of this organism, it may take up to 21 days to determine presence of *Mycoplasma*. Upon completion of the test, results will be forwarded to the producer and MMPA member representative via the Laboratory Supervisor.

When submitting samples to DCPAH, the "Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory" card must be filled out with the appropriate test marked and must accompany the samples to the laboratory. The cow or tank IDs must also be written on the card. Although Bacteriology and *Mycoplasma* are two different tests and can be run on the same sample, producers will be charged for each test marked on the card. Samples should be frozen if delivery to the laboratory is delayed.

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Johne's (\$6/sample)

Johne's disease has been a concern of dairy producers for the past several years. *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis* is the causative organism. Not only is this organism shed intermittently, it is a slow growing organism.

Traditional methods may take upwards of several weeks

to determine presence or absence of the organism. Antel-Bio's Milk ELISA test is designed to detect an antibody response to *M. paratuberculosis* in milk samples with results available in less than 5 days. Antel-Bio sends the results directly to the producer according to the instructions outlined on the Antel-Bio submission form.

Bovine Leukosis Virus

(\$6/sample)

BLV, a blood borne disease, is caused by the Bovine Leukosis Virus.

Antel-Bio also has a Milk ELISA test that is designed to detect an antibody response to BLV in milk samples with results available in less than 5 days. Antel-Bio sends the results directly to the producer according to the instructions outlined on the Antel-Bio report form.

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MMPA Quality Premium Program

Somatic Cell Count premiums and deductions (in addition to Federal Order SCC Adjustments computed in the producer pay price) will be paid at the following levels:

- 50,000 or below +45¢ / cwt.
- 51,000 - 75,000 +40¢ / cwt.
- 76,000 - 100,000 +35¢ / cwt.
- 101,000 - 125,000 +30¢ / cwt.
- 126,000 - 150,000 +25¢ / cwt.
- 151,000 - 175,000 +20¢ / cwt.
- 176,000 - 200,000 +15¢ / cwt.
- 201,000 - 225,000 +10¢ / cwt.
- 226,000 - 275,000 +05¢ / cwt.
- 600,001 - 750,000 -10¢ / cwt.
- Over 750,000 -50¢ / cwt.

A payment of 5¢ / cwt. will be added for each of the following, if the count is equal to or below:

- 10,000 Raw Bacteria Count
- 20,000 Pre-Incubated (PI) Count

There will be a deduction of 10¢ / cwt. for the following criteria:

- Greater than 100,000 Raw Bacteria Count

A high raw count deduction will be waived if the producer has received the quality premium the previous three months for raw bacteria count.

To qualify for Raw, PI and Somatic Cell Count premiums there must **not** be any of the following during the month:

- Positive drug residue
- Abnormal freeze points
- High load count shipment or rejected load shipment
- #3 or #4 sediment *
- Raw Bacteria count over 100,000 *

The count levels for raw and PI will be determined on one test run per month.

** Note: These do not affect the somatic cell count premium.*

To qualify for MMPA volume premiums there must be:

- No abnormal freeze points during the month
- An average somatic cell count of 750,000 or less.

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.

Producers scoring 95 percent or more on Grade A Surveys and Federal Check Ratings

MMPA Wisconsin

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*Van De Walle Farms Inc.

*Scored 100 percent

Quality Watch


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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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