

who are affected by the changes. Copies can be obtained from your MMPA Member Representative or the Novi office.

Raw and PI Premiums

No changes will be made to either the raw bacteria count or pre-incubated (PI) count premium levels at this time. The rate will remain at \$.05/cwt. for each. However, manufacturers are also closely watching bacteria levels, with many fluid processors and cheese manufacturers testing loads daily and excluding or rejecting loads for PI counts over 100,000. Approximately 90 percent of all MMPA members currently make the raw bacteria count level each month and approximately 85 percent make the PI count premium each month. The raw bacteria count and pre-incubated count levels will continue to be based on one test per month.

These changes reflect MMPA's strong commitment to produce and market the highest qual-

ity milk possible. Increasing the deduction level for high SCC and increasing the premium rate for low SCC sends a very clear and strong message to our members and customers that MMPA is committed to marketing quality milk. MMPA customers continue to ex-

pect better quality. The net result in improving overall milk quality is increased acceptance and sales of milk and milk products by enhancing the milk flavor and shelf life. That is a common goal of both producers and processors.



MMPA QUALITY PREMIUM CHANGES

Average SCC	Current SCC Premium Rate	SCC Premium Rate Effective July 1, 2006
50,000 & Under	\$0.45	\$0.50
51,000-75,000	\$0.40	\$0.45
76,000-100,000	\$0.35	\$0.40
101,000-125,000	\$0.30	\$0.35
126,000-150,000	\$0.25	\$0.30
151,000-175,000	\$0.20	\$0.25
176,000-200,000	\$0.15	\$0.20
201,000-225,000	\$0.10	\$0.15
226,000-275,000	\$0.05	\$0.05
276,000-500,000	\$0.00	\$0.00
501,000-600,000	\$0.00	(\$0.05)
601,000-750,000	(\$0.10)	(\$0.25)
Over 750,000	(\$0.50)	(\$1.00)

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.