

counties in that area. Recent funding shortfalls in Indiana may also result in the certified industry inspection program being implemented in northern Indiana.

It is important to note the PMO only allows dairy industry professionals to make official Grade A farm inspections. All other inspections such as official plant inspections, hauler inspections, collecting finished product samples and other dairy regulatory activities must be carried out by a state inspector.

It is critical for states to maintain adequate funding for dairy regulatory programs. Failure to do so will result in failed Grade A surveys which would lead to the ultimate loss of the dairy industry if milk or milk products could not be shipped outside of the state. If that were to happen, both Michigan and Indiana would lose its dairy industry. To make sure this

does not occur, we are asking all dairy farmers in the areas where industry field staff are or will be conducting official inspections to be cooperative and to correct all items marked on the inspections.

MMPA will continue to work diligently to secure general revenue funds for the state regulatory programs in both Michigan and Indiana. I will keep you updated on this subject as changes occur.

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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.