



News & Views

The latest dairy news

April Class III Down \$1.24

The April Class III price is \$16.76, down \$1.24 from March and up 67 cents from last year. This is the lowest Class III price since April 2007. The April Class IV price is \$14.56, up \$0.39 from March and down \$1.56 from a year ago.

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

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Sanborn & Sons LLC*
Peters & Peters Dairy Farm
Robert & Richard Skriba
Aron Whitaker
Michael Fabus
Houska Farms Inc.
Howard Andersen II
S & T Farms PTP
Joel & Edwin Ensz

*scored 100 percent

MMPA's Mike Marvin Named Michigan's Dairy Fieldman of the Year

MMPA Member Representative Mike Marvin, of Marlette, was named Dairy Fieldman of the Year during the Michigan Dairy Industry Conference held in Mt. Pleasant on May 1.

Mike grew up in the Howell area. He worked for Detroit Edison for 13 years and then dairy farmed for 3 years. In 1984, he began working as MMPA Member Representative in the east area of Michigan. Today, Mike is the supervisor of that area. He also serves MMPA as a stray voltage specialist, energy auditor and comprehensive nutrient management specialist. Mike and his wife, Sharon, have three children and five grandchildren.

Each year, the annual Dairy Industry Conference is held for all individuals working in Michigan's dairy industry as field representatives, dairy farm inspectors, and laboratory personnel.

The conference is organized by a cross-section of representatives from all aspects of the Michigan dairy industry. All MMPA member representatives and laboratory technicians attend this educational conference as a yearly training seminar.

Upcoming Events

June

23-24 MMPA/4-H Milk Marketing Tour – *Novi*

July

1 MMPA Advisory Committee – *East Lansing*

9 Great Lakes Manure Handling Expo – *London, Ohio*

15-17 Ag Expo – *East Lansing*

21-25 Michigan Dairy Expo – *East Lansing*

2008 Ag Expo set for July 15-17 at MSU

Ag Expo, Michigan's largest agricultural equipment exposition, will return to the Michigan State University (MSU) campus July 15-17.

Visitors to the 29th annual Ag Expo can explore exhibits and view demonstrations featuring equipment and other products and services of interest to farmers and agribusinesses. They can also learn about research, teaching and Extension programs conducted through the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR).

In addition to the CANR tent and a toy tractor sales tent, this year's event will feature new activities including demonstrations of sprayers, compact tractors and front-end loaders. Farmers can compare various manufacturers' products before deciding on a purchase.

The expo will also feature two days of tractor pulling contests, an annual favorite. The garden tractor

pull takes place Tuesday afternoon (July 15), and the antique tractor pull Wednesday afternoon (July 16). The FFA state tractor driving competition will be held Tuesday morning.

"I'm very pleased with how this year's show has come together," says Kirk Heinze, Ag Expo director. "There will be great new demonstrations and ride-and-drive events, but we'll still feature many of the activities people have come to expect from Ag Expo, such as the CANR educational tent and the tractor pulls.

"New this year will be a tent for vendors to conduct special educational programs," Heinze adds. "For example, there will be presentations on biofuels and opportunities for Ag Expo visitors to earn RUP [restricted-use pesticide] credits in this new area."

About 16,500 visitors attended Ag Expo last year, an increase of

about 6 percent over 2006. Last year, about 250 commercial vendors and 30 educational exhibitors took part.

Ag Expo features commercial farm equipment from throughout the Midwest and several Canadian provinces on the 35-acre main exhibition site and the 40-acre field demonstration area, as well as educational exhibits from several MSU colleges and departments.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 15 and 16, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 17. Admission to the grounds and parking at Farm Lane and Mt. Hope Road are free. Because of the construction on Farm Lane, the Ag Expo parking area and grounds will be accessible only from Farm Lane.

For more information about Ag Expo, call 800-366-7055 or visit www.agexpo.msu.edu.

2008 Great Lakes Manure Handling Expo



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- Commercial Field Demonstration
- Educational Demonstrations
- Educational Sessions
- Commercial Vendor Displays



Educational Session Topics

- Manure 101: The Superior Fertilizer
- Records: What? Why? How?
- Growing a Management Team
- Safety Concerns
- Case Studies

Educational Demonstrations

- Solid Manure Application Rates
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- Calibration of Manure Application Equipment
- Stockpiling Best Management Practices
- Compaction
- Slurry Seeding
- Equipment Safety

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