



# News & Views

The latest dairy news

## June Class III Price Up 13 Cents

The June Class III price is \$9.97, up 13 cents from the May price, but down \$10.28 from last year. The June Class IV is \$10.22, up 8 cents from May but down \$5.79 from a year ago.

## Velmar Green Appointed to Michigan Commission of Agriculture

The Michigan Commission of Agriculture elected two new officers and welcomed MMPA Vice-president Velmar Green as its newest member during its regular meeting held Tuesday, June 21, 2009 in East Lansing in conjunction with the Ag Expo at Michigan State University.

Commissioner Todd Regis of Lansing was elected as vice chair replacing Ann Jousma-Miller of Gladstone who resigned from the Commission, and Commissioner Don Coe of Traverse City was elected Secretary.

Additionally, Velmar Green of Elsie was appointed by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm to represent Republicans succeeding Dale Norton of Bronson whose term has expired. Green's term runs through December 31, 2012. Green is the owner of Green Meadows Farms in Elsie.

"As a dairy farmer, Velmar continues a long standing family tradition in Michigan's growing agriculture industry. He is also an innovator and an early adaptor of environmentally sound on-farm agriculture practices," said James Byrum, Commission chair. "I look forward to working with him as the Commission continues to advocate for Michigan's agri-food industry, maintain critical services during challenging economic times, and increase the presence of Michigan agriculture in the global marketplace."

The Michigan Commission of Agriculture is a bipartisan body appointed by the Governor to provide oversight and policy direction for MDA programs, appoint the director of agriculture, and approve the rules and regulations the department promulgates.

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

#### MMPA Allendale North

June 2009

Goodview Farms LLC\*

Larsen Farms\*

Higgins Livestock Inc.\*

Joel Starr\*

Klamer Farms Inc.

Paul & Carol Courtade

Arlyn Walt

Corliss Gulembo III

Thurow Farms LLC

Jonas Miller

Theodore Wolschlager

Glen, Casey & Andrew Sparks

Philip Wagler

Cressbrook Farms

Udder Chaos Inc.

\* Scored 100 percent

## Upcoming Events

### August

5-6 OYDC Conference – *Novi*

19 KBS Dairy Research and Education Center Grand Opening  
– *Hickory Corners*

### September

29 Advisory Committee – *Lansing*

## National DHIA Announces Scholarship Program Information

National Dairy Herd Information Association (DHIA) is now accepting scholarship applications from incoming and continuing students at technical and two-year and four-year colleges/universities. To be eligible for a National DHIA scholarship, the applicant must be a family member or employee of a herd on DHI test, a family member of a DHIA employee, or an employee of a DHIA affiliate. The DHIA affiliate for the herd or affiliate employee must be a member of National DHIA. (Arizona DHIA, Dairy Lab Services, Dairy One Cooperative Inc., DHI Cooperative Inc., Idaho DHIA, Indiana State Dairy Association, Lancaster DHIA, Louisiana DHIA, Minnesota DHIA, NorthStar Cooperative DHI Services, Puerto Rico DHIA, Rocky Mountain DHIA, San

Joaquin DHIA, Southeast DHIA, Tennessee DHIA, Texas DHIA, United Federation of DHIA's, Vermont DHIA and Washington State DHIA are National DHIA members.) Previous National DHIA scholarship winners are not eligible to reapply.

Judges will evaluate applicants based on scholastic achievements and leadership in school organizations and community activities. Applications are due Oct. 15, 2009. Recipients will be announced at the 2010 National DHIA annual meeting, being held March 11-12, in St. Pete Beach, Fla. National DHIA will award up to 25 \$500 scholarships.

To apply for a National DHIA scholarship, log on to: [www.dhia.org](http://www.dhia.org) and download and complete the electronic application form. For additional information,

contact JoDee Sattler, National DHIA communications and events manager, at 608-848-6455, ext. 112, or [jdsattler@dhia.org](mailto:jdsattler@dhia.org).

Generous contributions from National DHIA affiliate members, friends and supporters, and dairy producers help fund these scholarships.

National Dairy Herd Information Association, a trade association for the dairy records industry, serves the best interests of its members and the dairy industry by maintaining the integrity of dairy records and advancing dairy information systems.

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## National 4-H Dairy Conference Scholarship Winners

Five participants from the recent MMMPA 4-H Milk Marketing tour were selected to receive a scholarship to attend the National 4-H Dairy Conference September 27-30, held in conjunction with the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisc. Selection is based on quiz scores during the June conference and an interview process held July 20 during the Michigan Dairy Expo and 4-H Dairy Days at MSU. This year's recipients are:

**Amanda Carey**, Mecosta County  
**Lynette Jackson**, Tuscola County  
**Amy Juengel**, Genesee County  
**Garrett Slavik**, Gratiot County  
**Levi Westendorp**, Barry County

Should any of the above recipients be unable to attend, the following alternates were selected:

*First Alternate:* **Dakota Smith**, Montcalm County

*Second Alternate:* **Kyle Krepps**, Ottawa County

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## MI Agriculture Commission Opens Public Comment Period for Bovine TB

The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA)'s Animal Industry Division recently presented information to the Michigan Commission on Agriculture on the proposal to shrink the bovine Tuberculosis (TB) Modified Accredited Zone (MAZ) to the high-risk northeastern Lower Peninsula counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, Oscoda, and Presque Isle, and those portions of Ogemaw and Iosco counties within the MAZ where the disease is endemic in wild free-ranging deer—beginning the public comment period on this proposal.

"Public comment is an important part of the zoning process," said State Veterinarian Steven Halstead. "The dairy and beef industries need to be aware of the changes and take every opportunity to comment on the proposal before it becomes law."

Cattle and bison producers will be impacted by a change in interzonal movement restrictions; the need for wildlife risk mitigation in certain areas; and risk-based surveillance which is set up to trace cattle that may have been exposed to infected wildlife. These changes are designed to improve market access for producers and will help eradicate bovine TB from Michigan.

MDA will accept comments on the proposal to change the MAZ zonal boundary until August 21, 2009. The proposed zoning order and comment form may be found on the Internet at [www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases](http://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases) and on the MDA Web site at [www.michigan.gov/mda](http://www.michigan.gov/mda).