



News & Views

The latest dairy news

November Class III Price Up \$1.26

The November Class III price is \$14.08, up \$1.26 from last month but down \$1.43 from last year. The Class IV price is \$13.25, up \$1.39 from last month. This year's Class IV price is up \$1.00 from last year. Both are the highest prices during the past calendar year.

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

MMPA Constantine BTU

October 2009

Jerry, Terry & Jerry Jr. Koebel*
 Van Marshall
 Glen Bontrager
 Vernon Hochstetler
 Alvin Miller
 Tobie Hochstetler
 Milton Preston
 Howard Payne
 Wagner Family Farms, LLC
 Amos Hochstetler Jr.
 Thomas Pierce
 Greg Myers
 Ferry Farms, LLC
 K & W Dairy

* Scored 100 percent

MMPA 2010 Direct Deposit Schedule

The MMPA direct deposit program provides for the direct deposit of your net milk proceeds to your bank account through the use of an electronic funds transfer system. This system assures the deposit of funds on the dates listed below.

The direct deposit service is free to MMPA members. Members on direct deposit receive their check statement by mail. The statement

is the same as the one attached to the milk check. The direct deposit stub of the statement indicates the amount transferred into the member's bank account.

If you are interested in signing up for direct deposit or desire more information, please contact the MMPA Member Services Department at 800-572-5824.

Settlement Dates Processed Through JP Morgan Chase Calendar Year 2010

January 19	Tuesday	July 16	Friday
January 26	Tuesday	July 26	Monday
February 17	Wednesday	August 17	Tuesday
February 26	Friday	August 26	Thursday
March 17	Wednesday	September 17	Friday
March 26	Friday	September 27	Monday
April 16	Friday	October 18	Monday
April 26	Monday	October 26	Tuesday
May 17	Monday	November 17	Wednesday
May 26	Wednesday	November 26	Friday
June 17	Thursday	December 17	Friday
June 25	Friday	December 27	Monday

Upcoming Events

January

- MMPA Local Meetings
- 27 MMPA Resolutions Committee – *Novi*

February

- MMPA District Meetings
- 25 UDIM Annual Meeting – *Lansing*

Michigan State University Extension Dairy Team Winter Meeting: Animal Health: “Tools to navigate the fresh cow storm”

Animal health and well-being have always been a high priority on our dairy farms. Surviving in today’s economy requires a concerned effort to minimize problems in early lactation. Early lactation is a critical time in a cow’s life when energy demands are high in order to meet production needs while maintaining a healthy cow. This is a time when the immune system is at greatest challenge in fighting off disease problems. Over the years, monitoring tools have been developed to help us evaluate current status, make decisions and monitor health. The MSUE dairy winter meeting is designed to provide the farm team with tools to maximize the efforts to maintain health and well-being of the cows, while maximizing production and getting the cow ready for rebreeding.

The program will address four major topics of concern in fresh cows: metabolic diseases, reproductive diseases, milk quality/mastitis and animal wellness to improve longevity in the herd. Health events during this period will prepare the cow for success or failure in lactation. There are some useful testing and monitoring tools that can be easily employed by most farmers to maximize production and improve animal health. Most farms do not rely on one person to handle all areas of production and animal health, so it is important that farms come as a team to get the most out of this year’s meeting. Animal health requires an “on-farm team” that includes your veterinarian and nutritionist.

Cost for the daylong program is \$15 per person, which includes lunch. Registration for the meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. and the meetings begin at 10 a.m.

NMPF Member Co-ops Support Chocolate Milk Petition

As part of an effort to help keep chocolate milk in school lunch programs, NMPF member co-ops have been joining the “Raise your Hand for Chocolate Milk” campaign. At the campaign’s Web site, www.raiseyourhand4milk.com, supporters can sign a petition to promote chocolate milk for the country’s school children.

Winter Program Schedule

Date	Location/Contact
February 2	Heirman University Ctr., Rm 958/962 Bay College, Escanaba, MI Ben Bartlett 906-439-5880
February 3	Alpena Community College Rm 106 Center Building 665 Johnson St, Alpena, MI Mary DuncKel 989-354-9870 Phil Durst 989-826-1160
February 4	Quality Inn Forward Conf. Ctr. 2980 Cook Rd, West Branch, MI Phil Durst 989-826-1160
February 16	Carl T. Johnson Center. 6087 W. M-115, Cadillac, MI Kathy Lee 231-839-4667
February 17	Isabella County Bldg, Rm 320 200 N. Main St, Mt. Pleasant, MI Mike McFadden 989-772-0911(302)
February 18	Franklin Inn 1060 E. Huron Ave, Bad Axe, MI Craig Thomas 810-648-2515
March 2	Clinton County RESA 1013 S. US-27, St. Johns, MI Faith Cullens 989-224-5249
March 3	4-H Bldg, Hillsdale Co. Fairgrounds 115 S. Broad St (M-99), Hillsdale, MI Ira Krupp 517-279-4311 Dean Ross 517-546-3950
March 4	Kent County MSU Extension 775 Ball Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI Bill Robb 616-994-4580 Ira Krupp 517-279-4311