

Newsletter of White Oak Veterinary Clinic, PC

Topic of the Month

Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2

The USDA has announced round two of payments called the CFAP2. This is to help dairy farmers through losses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The application period is currently open and FSA will accept applications through December 11. Even if you participated in CFAP1, you must fill out a new application, but will not be required to submit duplicate forms. You can apply for this round even if you did not participate in the first round.

Dairy producers can receive \$1.20 per CWT milk (actual) produced between April 1-August 31, 2020 and based on estimated production for September 1-December 31.

Unlike the previous round of payments, once a farm is approved, the entire payment will be made. There will not be 20% held back.

In addition to milk, relief money is available for bull calves, feeder steers, and crops.

As with the previous round, the payment is capped at \$250,000 for all commodities combined.

Additional information can be found at farmers.gov/cfap, and forms may be downloaded from farmers.gov/cfap/apply.

There is a dairy industry conference call regarding CFAP2 scheduled for Tuesday, October 6 from 12-1 PM, or you can contact FSA for more information.

Commodity Futures

Prices

As of September 30, 2020

Corn	\$3.79/bu
\$339.70/ton	
Milk (Class III)	\$19.53/cwt
Beef (Live cattle)	\$108.55/cwt

Practice News

- Dr. Charles Gardner, a veterinarian, has recently received a degree in clinical counseling. Recognizing the current severe economic depression among dairy farmers, and accompanying emotional distress and anxiety, he has made himself available to any dairy producers who would like to talk. The Center for Dairy Excellence will cover the cost of at least one session, which could be by Zoom meeting or phone. Call the office for more information.
- We have discontinued use of the answering service for after hours calls. Calls to the office phone outside of normal business hours will be forwarded to the phone of the veterinarian on call.

In The News

- A lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court/District of Vermont has been dismissed after a settlement was reached. DFA was accused of conspiring to monopsonize milk marketing within Federal Milk Marketing Order #1 (A monopoly exists when there is a single supplier; a monopsony exists when there is a single buyer). DFA has admitted no wrongdoing, simply stating that they felt it was in the best interest of their member-owners to put this situation behind them. Details of the settlement have not been released. (source progressivedairy.com).
- Last month, USDA released statistics on per capita dairy product consumption. From 2018 to 2019, dairy product usage increased by 7 pounds or about 1%. Annual per capita consumption now stands at 653 pounds. Fluid milk consumption continues to decline but cheese consumption increased to 38.3 lb/capita. (source milkbusiness.com).