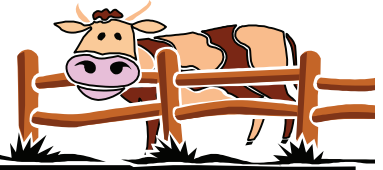


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Spring 2007

Dr. Mark McGuire receives research awards

The University of Idaho recognized **Dr. Mark McGuire**, Animal and Veterinary Sciences Department faculty member, with the university's highest research honor, as he received the **Excellence in Research Award**. McGuire also received the **Richard C. Heimsch Research Award** from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Dr. McGuire was educated at the University of Illinois, University of Florida, and Cornell University and joined the faculty at the University of Idaho in 1995. Dr. McGuire's research interests include lactation in cows and women, dairy and human nutrition, milk synthesis, and milk fat and protein synthesis. Dr. McGuire's research has been funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, National Institutes of Health, United Dairymen of Idaho, and the Idaho Beef Council.

Risk Management

What is your price risk management strategy? The Class III milk price was \$14.96/cwt for March 2007—a much needed increase of \$3.85/cwt since March 2006. What's on the horizon? On May 2, 2007, Class III milk futures for May through December 2007 ranged between \$17.70/cwt and \$19.07/cwt. Consequently, there appear to be reasonable opportunities to use the simple Put option to buy a floor price.

What is a good price for your dairy business, especially considering increased feed and fuel costs? \$17.00/cwt? \$18.00/cwt? \$19.00/cwt? Understanding your cost of production, in conjunction with seasonal and historical price trends is critical to managing price risk successfully over the long-term. Unfortunately, historical data reveals that high prices do not last. For more information on risk management and historical data please visit the University of Wisconsin website: http://www.aae.wisc.edu/future/front_cash_prices.htm.

Once at the website, click on "Class III" on the left side of the page, then click on "Monthly Class III Prices and BFP" to see an Excel sheet with monthly data from 1995 to present.

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Coming Events

National Mastitis Council 2007 Regional Meeting, Visalia, CA, May 22-23. For more information: <http://nmconline.org/regionalmeet/>

University of Idaho-Utah State University Spanish Language AI School, Preston, ID, May 29-30, June 6-8. For more information contact Joe Dalton at 208.459-6365 or jdalton@uidaho.edu

American Society of Animal Science Western Section Meeting, Moscow, ID, June 20-22. For more information: www.asas.org/western07/

National Compost Dairy Barn Conference, Burnsville, MN, June 21-22. For more information: <http://www.ansci.umn.edu/compostbarconf.htm>

American Dairy Science Association-American Society of Animal Science- Poultry Science Association-Asociación Mexicana de Producción Animal Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, July 8-12. For more information: <http://adsa.psa.ampa.asas.org/meetings/2007/>

Internacional Conferencia Sobre Ganado Lechero – CIGAL 2007, Guadalajara, Jalisco, México, July 25-27. For more information: <http://www.cigal.biz>

Fertility in Dairy Cows-Bridging the Gaps, Liverpool Hope University, United Kingdom, August 30-31, 2007. For more information: http://www.bsas.org.uk/downloads/Fertility_finalv6.pdf



New educational program for employees ...

Spanish Language AI School

Do not miss this new educational program for Spanish speaking employees. Topics to be discussed include reproductive anatomy and physiology, semen handling, insemination technique, heat detection, and drugs used in systematic breeding programs. All classes are in Spanish and the participants must attend all five classes. The dates and places of the classes:

May 29 and 30, and June 6: 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Franklin County Extension Office, Preston, ID.

June 7 and 8: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Live animal practice at a local dairy.

The cost of the class is \$200. For more information, or to register, please contact Joe Dalton at 208-459-6365 or jdalton@uidaho.edu.

Nuevo programa educativo para los empleados ...

Clase del Inseminación Artificial

No pierda este nuevo programa educativo para los trabajadores que hablan Español. Temas de discusión incluyen la anatomía y fisiología de los órganos reproductivos, el manejo de semen congelado, técnica de inseminación, detección de calores, y las drogas utilizadas en programas sistemáticos. Todas las clases están en Español y los participantes deben asistir las cinco clases. Las fechas y los lugares de las clases:

29, 30 de Mayo, y 6 de Junio: 3:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. La oficina del condado de Franklin, Preston, ID

7, 8 de Junio: 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Práctica en animales en lecherías locales.

El costo de la clase es \$200. Para obtener más información, o para registrar, llame a Joe Dalton a 208-459-6365 o jdalton@uidaho.edu.

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