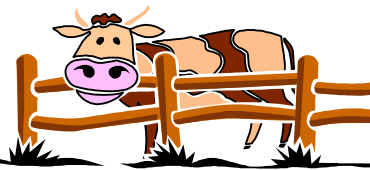


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## Milk Price and Dairy Market Symposium

*Plan on attending the Milk Price and Dairy Market Symposium, sponsored by the Idaho Dairymen's Association, on July 9-10, at The Boise Centre (adjacent to the Grove Hotel).*

The agenda includes:

### National Perspective Panel

- John Wilson, Dairy Farmers of America
- Peter Vitaliano, National Milk Producers Federation
- Bill Curley, Blimling and Associates

### International Perspective Panel

- Dermot Carey, Northwest Dairy Association
- Matt McNight, US Dairy Export Council
- Dalyn Dye, Hoogwegt, US Inc.

### Making Risk Management Tools Work for You

- Dave Kurzawski, Downes O'Neill
- Jon Spainhour, Rice Dairy
- Perry Iverson, Commodity and Ingredients Hedging

Also included: "A View on Dairy Policy" live feed from Washington D.C., featuring U.S. Senators Mike Crapo and Jim Risch, and a breakout session with risk management presenters!

*There is no charge for Idaho dairy producers to attend.*

For more information: <http://www.idahodairymens.org/events.php>

## **Rabiou Manzo Recognized for Humanitarian Service**

**Rabiou Manzo**, a graduate of UI in Animal Science (MS, 2003) recently received an international award. Rabiou is currently a resettlement program manager for the International Rescue Committee (IRC; [www.theIRC.org](http://www.theIRC.org)), and was recently named one of only five recipients of the Sarlo Foundation Distinguished Humanitarian Service Award. In the past three years Rabiou, who works in the Boise office of the IRC, has helped resettle nearly 1,000 people who have fled persecution in their homelands. Rabiou and colleagues have assisted individuals and families from Burma, Bhutan, Iraq, Burundi, Congo, Togo, Liberia, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Somalia, Sudan, and Eritrea.

Rabiou grew up in Niger, and received a veterinary science degree in the Ukraine. After returning home, Rabiou was not able to find a job. A chance meeting with a former Moscow, Idaho, resident who worked for the U.S. State Department in Niger sparked Rabiou's interest in attending the University of Idaho to pursue a Master's degree. Rabiou worked with Dr. Amin Ahmadzadeh on his Master's degree, and prior to working at the IRC, Rabiou worked at a research feedlot and dairy in southwestern Idaho.

## **UI Dairy Extension and the International Rescue Committee**

Early in 2009, Joe Dalton, UI Extension dairy specialist, was approached by Boise's International Rescue Committee (IRC; [www.theIRC.org](http://www.theIRC.org)) to train refugees in the skills necessary to work on dairies. Dalton and Scott Jensen, UI Extension Educator in Owyhee County, have offered three milking schools in 2009, and nearly 100 refugees have attended. Two more milking schools and a calving management and artificial insemination workshop are planned for the second half of 2009.

Although the refugees come from many parts of the world, such as Burma, Bhutan, Uzbekistan, Iraq, Afghanistan, Eritrea, Somalia, and Sudan, they share a common goal – to secure a job and start a new life. Many of the refugees come from agricultural backgrounds, and all are legally documented and work-authorized. The refugees take English and job training classes and are expected to find work within eight months.

According to Lana Whiteford, IRC employment services specialist in Boise, 16 milking class graduates have already begun work at Threemile Canyon Farms in Boardman, Oregon, joining 14 other IRC refugees who previously were placed there. Whiteford is also negotiating with several Idaho dairies.

The University of Idaho Extension training “makes the refugees more desirable to hire,” Whiteford said. “They already know the basics and what to expect, and employers are impressed because they have a foundation to build on.”

For more information on hiring refugees please contact Lana Whiteford at 208.344.1792 or [Lana.Whiteford@theIRC.org](mailto:Lana.Whiteford@theIRC.org)

## Antibiotic Residue Avoidance in Milk

Dairy owners, managers, and employees play a major role in food safety. Antibiotics in milk may cause severe allergic reactions in persons with antibiotic sensitivity. Consequently, antibiotic residues in milk are an important food safety issue. Furthermore, antibiotics in milk can interfere with cheese and yogurt production in the dairy processing plant.

All farm bulk tank milk and tanker truck milk must be tested for evidence of antibiotic residue prior to processing, according to the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Milk found with antibiotic residues is dumped, with the dairy producer bearing the cost for the dumped milk. Further action may include suspension of the dairy producer's Grade "A" permit, with reinstatement occurring only after "a representative sample of the producer's milk, prior to commingling with other milk, is no longer positive for drug residue."

The National Milk Drug Residue Data Base is operated by an independent third party under contract with the FDA. According to the data base report for 2008, 0.028% of all samples tested were positive for a drug residue, down from 0.104% in 1996.

### Bulk tanker truck milk samples positive for antibiotic residues (1996-2008)

Year	Total Samples	Number positive	Percentage positive
2008	3,364,572	958	0.028%
2004	3,589,082	1,571	0.044%
2000	3,501,878	2,542	0.073%
1996	3,384,779	3,530	0.104%

Although the data base was designed to promote maximum participation by the dairy industry to voluntarily report all testing results, it is important to recognize that the samples reported do not necessarily represent 100% of the milk supply from each state. Nevertheless, the downward trend over the past 13 years is great news and is most likely related to successful teamwork among dairy owners, managers, employees, veterinarians, allied industry technical support, milk processors, and university faculty.

## **Joe Dalton Elected to Board of Directors of the Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council**

At the annual convention of the Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council (DCRC) in Omaha late last year, Joe Dalton, UI Extension dairy specialist, was elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

The DCRC is a proactive organization with long-term interest in raising awareness of issues critical to reproductive performance. Through information and communication, the DCRC strives to deliver the latest in technology and resources. The Council consists of a variety of dairy industry professionals, including researchers, consultants, practitioners, and producers.

For more information on the DCRC: [www.dcrcouncil.org](http://www.dcrcouncil.org)

## **Save the Date: Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council Meeting in Boise Nov. 19-20!**

The Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council (DCRC) will hold two regional meetings in 2009 in place of the annual convention. The two-day meetings will provide information that can directly help those involved with reproduction on the dairy become more efficient and effective.

The dates and locations of the two meetings are:

- November 12 – 13, Crowne Plaza – Riverfront Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota
- **November 19 – 20, Doubletree – Riverside Hotel, Boise, Idaho**

The agenda is available at <http://www.dcrcouncil.org/CONVENTIONS/index.html>

*We're looking forward to seeing you at one of the 2009 regional meetings.*

## Coming Events

- ◆ Milk Price and Dairy Market Symposium, Boise, ID, July 9-10, 2009. For more information: <http://www.idahodairymens.org/events.php>
- ◆ American Dairy Science Association-Canadian Society of Animal Science-American Association of Animal Science Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, July 12-16, 2009. For more information: <http://adsa.asas.org/meetings/2009/>
- ◆ Conferencia Internacional Sobre Ganado Lechero – CIGAL 2009, Guadalajara, Jalisco, México, July 8-10, 2009. For more information: [www.cigal.biz](http://www.cigal.biz)
- ◆ Theriogenology Conference and Symposia, Albuquerque, NM, August 25-29, 2009. For more information: <http://www.therio.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=270>
- ◆ 42nd Annual Convention of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, Omaha, NE, Sept. 10-12, 2009. For more information: <http://www.aabp.org/meeting/default.asp>
- ◆ World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI, Sept. 29-Oct. 3, 2009. For more information: <http://www.world-dairy-expo.com/gen.home.cfm>
- ◆ DHI-Provo Annual Herd Management Conference, Provo, UT, Nov. 4-6, 2009. For more information: <http://www.dhiprovo.com/>
- ◆ Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council Regional Meeting, Boise, ID, Nov. 19-20, 2009. For more information: <http://www.drcouncil.org/CONVENTIONS/index.html>

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