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NMPF: Canada Dairy Policy to Impact All U.S.

Dairy Farmers

Audio with Chris Galen, National Milk Producers Federation spokesman

President Donald Trump is promising to find a solution to a trade dispute with Canada that has left dairy farmers without a market for their product. This week, Trump said that Canada has been "very unfair" to dairy farmers, adding "we're going to start working on that." The U.S. claims Canada's new policy supports their own farmers, but goes directly against the North American Free Trade Agreement. While the producers most effected by the policy are in Wisconsin and New York, Chris Galen, spokesmen with National Milk Producers Federation says in the end, all producers will be effected...tape

Cut #1 :41 OC:... "across the country."

Galen says that Canada is in the top five U.S. dairy export markets with \$150 million exported last year. With their new policy, this is expected to decrease, and possibly along with the 110 thousand jobs the overall U.S. dairy export process creates.

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/egov/Press_Releases/Press_Release.asp?PRnum=17-017

PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS CDFFA'S ALTERNATIVE MANURE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Sacramento, April 10, 2017 - Three public stakeholder listening sessions and one webinar are scheduled from April 17 through April 28, 2017 to obtain feedback and comments on CDFFA's Alternative Manure Management



Program (AMMP) framework. The listening sessions are designed to obtain input from a wide group of stakeholders including but not limited to dairy and livestock farmers, environmental advocates, local community members and the general public.

AMMP receives funding from the California Climate Investments Program - proceeds from the state's cap-and-trade auctions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. CDFA was appropriated \$50 million dollars from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, authorized by the Budget Act of 2016, to provide financial assistance for methane emission reductions from dairy and livestock operations. The objective of AMMP is to incentivize the adoption of alternative (non-digester) manure management practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from California's dairy and livestock operations, including but not limited to, scrape conversion, open solar drying and composting of manure onsite, conversion of dairy operations to pasture-based management, and solid separation technologies.

CDFA hopes to gather information about important components of the proposed program including management practices that will be incentivized, potential adverse impacts and community outreach.

The listening sessions will be held as follows:

Monday, April 17, 2017 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

California Department of Food and Agriculture

1220 N Street, Auditorium

Sacramento, CA 95814

Information for remote attendance will be posted on the AMMP webpage: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/AMMP/>

Friday, April 21, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sonoma County Department of Agriculture

133 Aviation Blvd., Suite 110

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Monday, April 24, 2017 – 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Energy Education Center

4175 S. Laspina Street

Tulare, CA 93274

Friday, April 28, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Webinar

Registration information for the webinar will be posted on the AMMP webpage: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/AMMP/>