

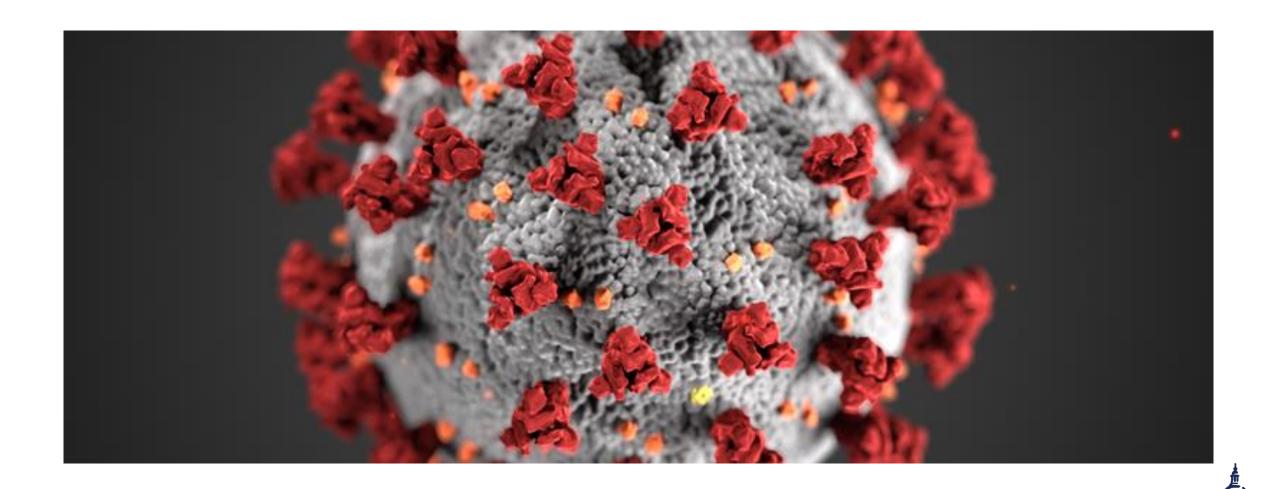
# NMPF 2020: More Than Just COVID19

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# **But First COVID19**



# **COVID-19 Food Supply Lessons Learned**



- Food plentiful, but supply chains disrupted
- Shifting marketplace channels resulted in numerous shortages
  - Particularly with packaging materials (from TP to beer)
- Food & Ag workers are Essential Employees



# **COVID-19 Lessons Learned for the Dairy Industry**

- Dairy industry was doing great in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020 after a number of bad years. This was to be the year of recovery
- Early March 2020, when schools, restaurants and food service shut down or scaled back, things quickly took a turn for the worse as that demand disappeared
  - American consumers were splitting their food budgets 50/50 between home and restaurant/food service
- Change in supply chain resulted in some excess milk needing to be dumped
  - EPA and Wisconsin helped determine the proper way to handle it
- At retail, consumers stockpiled and hoarded, creating stockouts

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### **COVID-19 Lessons Learned for the Dairy Industry**

### Processing Plant Issues

- Difficulty getting PPE, cleaning and sanitizing chemicals, swabs, wipes and hand sanitizer
- Orders were delayed, cancelled and seized
- Some workers were afraid to go to work for fear of getting sick
- Some workers were afraid to mention they felt sick for loss of pay
- Drivers did not want to go to hot zones because CDC guidance recommended 14-day quarantines upon return
- Some workers got sick and dairy plants had to close
  - > Reopening took up to a week
- Large scale testing of workers for COVID-19 was very limited
- PPE and cleaning and sanitizing chemicals will be tight for the foreseeable future
- National Academies recognizes the need to keep food and ag operating and placed us in Phase 2 of vaccine prioritization

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# **COVID-19 Congressional Action**

- Congress has enacted several major laws this year to provide economic stimulus in response to COVID-19
- The CARES Act provided critical support for agriculture
  - \$9.5 billion coronavirus assistance fund targeted dairy
  - \$14 billion replenishment of USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation
- Funds provided by Congress became the basis of USDA's coronavirus relief package





### **CFAP - Overview**

- USDA developed Coronavirus Food Assistance Program to provide direct relief to all producers for COVID-19 losses
- CFAP has provided strong support to dairy in two rounds of payments
  - 1st round covered first-quarter losses at \$6.20/cwt. totaling \$1.75 billion
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> round covering post-Q1 losses at \$1.20/cwt. expected to total \$1.34 billion
    - ➤ Actual production for April 1-August 30
    - > Estimated production for remainder of year





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## **CFAP - NMPF Successes**

- Secured strong bipartisan, bicameral backing in Congress for dairy to receive significant funding
- Worked with numerous USDA staff to achieve a formula for determining farmer support that was a significant improvement over dairy's share of trade aid program funds
- Ensured that DMC and other risk management payments would
   NOT be deducted from CFAP payments
- Built bipartisan and cross-industry coalition to oppose payment limits
  - Original \$125k payment limit raised to \$250k/500k/750k
- Worked successfully with USDA to secure fair treatment for farm trusts
- Improved direct attribution process to treat all farmers fairly, regardless of their shares of ownership
- Requested additional purchases of international food aid focusing on non-fat dry milk





# **Farmers to Families Food Box Program**

### Program on track to purchase up to \$4 billion

- Primary products are dairy, meat, and fresh produce
- Dairy totaled roughly \$605 million in first two rounds and may reach \$1 billion

### Delivery occurring over three rounds

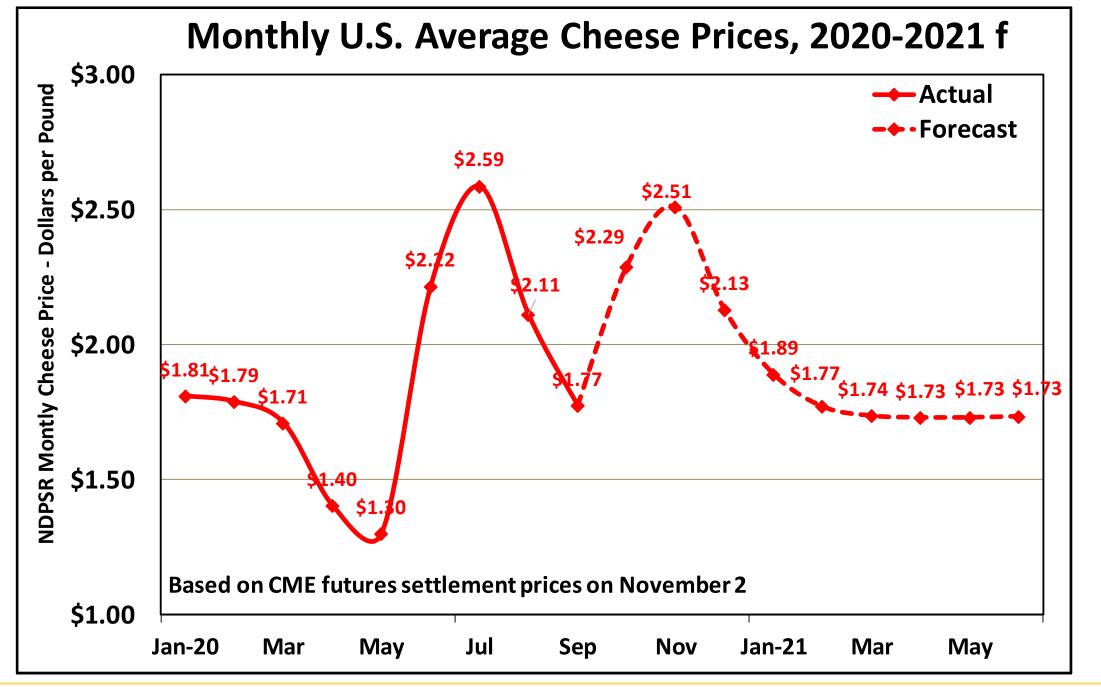
- Round 1 totaled \$945 million
  - Delivered 35.6 million boxes
- Round 2 totaled \$1.7 billion
  - Delivered 49.9 million boxes
- Round 3 likely to total over \$1 billion
  - Delivered 11.5 million boxes so far

### NMPF advocated for significant dairy purchases

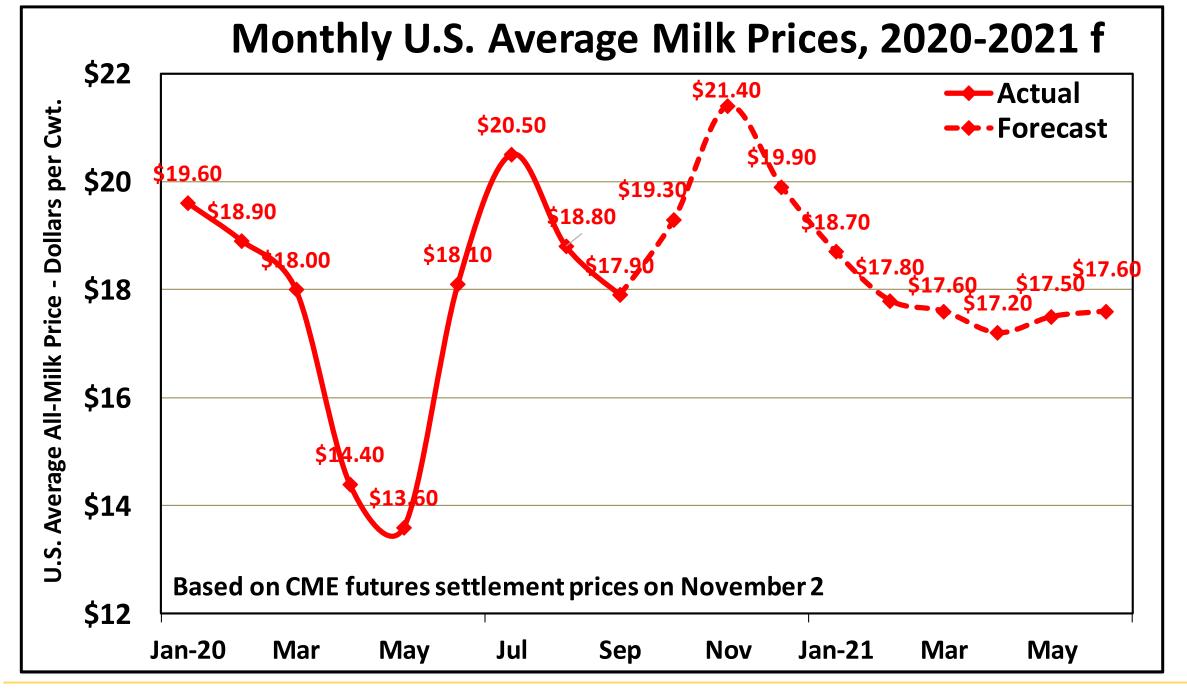
- Secured USDA commitment for dairy products in program
- Gained additional \$100 million for dairy in Round 1
- Advocating for more substantial butter purchases













# **Environment Policy Focuses in 2020**

- Water
- Air
- PFAS
- Net Zero Initiative



# **Navigable Waters Protection Rule Update**



- Final rule became effective on June 22
- Four lawsuits are already filed:
  - New Mexico Cattle Growers Association – the rule is too broad
  - Three activist organization suits
     the rule is too narrow
- Considerable uncertainty as to what rule applies if courts issue injunctions

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# **NAEMS Update**

### National Air Emissions Monitoring Study

- Funded in 2005 by animal agriculture groups
- After 15 years, the draft models for swine were just released
- Dairy farm models are expected in December of 2021



# **PFAS and Testing**

- PFAS "forever" chemicals enter the environment through sewage sludge, industrial waste, unlined landfills and firefighting foams and tend to persist
- While it is a WATER issue, some milk has tested positive for it in New Mexico and Maine
- Both states are now doing different forms of testing
  - Maine is testing retail milk samples -- all samples were below the Maine action limit, so no recalls were initiated
  - New Mexico will test where water contamination from military bases warrants
- FDA tested food samples as part of the Total Dietary Study
  - All samples came back negative except for tilapia

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### **EPA's PFAS Action Plan**

- Issued preliminary determination to regulate PFOA and PFOS
- Developed new validated methods to accurately test for 11 additional PFAS in drinking water
- Announced availability of \$4.8 million in funding for new research on managing PFAS in agriculture
- Issued interim recommendations for addressing groundwater contaminated with PFOA and PFAS





### **Net Zero Initiative - U.S. Dairy as Environmental Solution**

GOALS

By 2050, U.S. dairy collectively commits to:

BECOME CARBON NEUTRAL OR BETTER OPTIMIZE WATER USE WHILE MAXIMIZING RECYCLING

IMPROVE WATER QUALITY
BY OPTIMIZING
UTILIZATION OF MANURE
AND NUTRIENTS

ON-FARM STRATEGY

#### **U.S. Dairy Net Zero Initiative (NZI)**

KNOCKING DOWN BARRIERS TO ACHIEVE NET ZERO GHG AND SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN WATER FROM FIELD TO FARM GATE

#### WORKSTREAMS

#### **GROUNDWORK**

Foundational work on environmental and economic analysis, research and measurement to inform decisions, update models and advance outcomes that will benefit all dairy farms

#### **DAIRY SCALE FOR GOOD (DS4G)**

Expedited economic and environmental projects on a small set of pilot farms to prove the business case, decrease capital cost and create additional revenue streams as a catalyst for solutions on all farms

#### **COLLECTIVE IMPACT**

Collaborative action to stimulate greater access to technical, financial and educational support and motivate the adoption of environmental practices across farms of all sizes, regions and designs



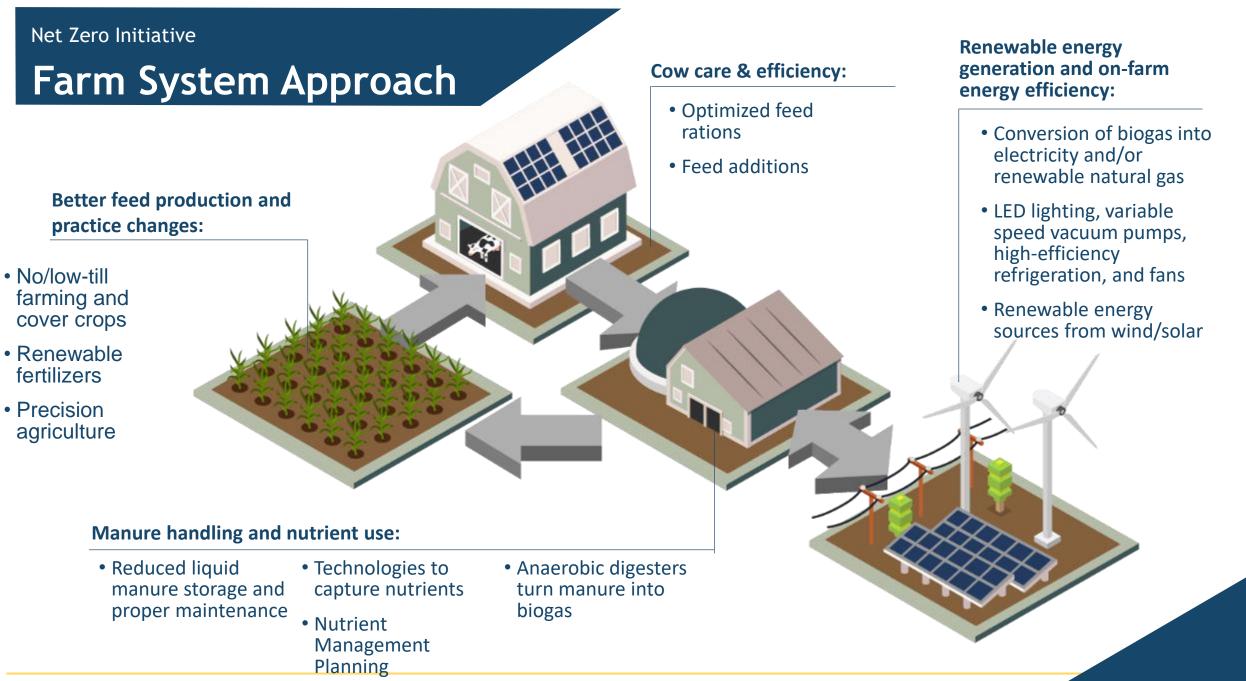












# An integrated plan with each organization playing a distinct role to advance on-farm sustainability efforts



Advance science and affairs

Lead communications, outreach and partner development

Convene and engage dairy value chain

Lead outreach with food companies

Provide dairy farms
with opportunity
through legislative and
regulatory
enhancements

Evolve Farm ES to provide greater value to farms and industry

Increase access to viable technologies and practices

Create revenue streams through ecosystem services markets, manurebased products and renewable energy markets Support global alignment and positioning of U.S. dairy

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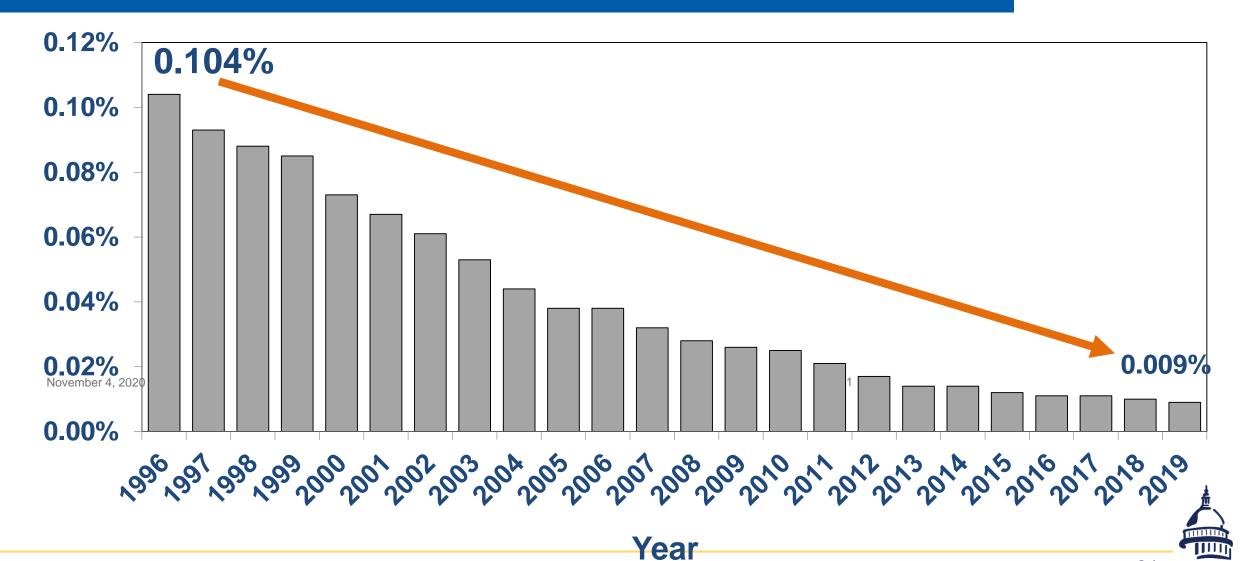
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### **Animal Health**

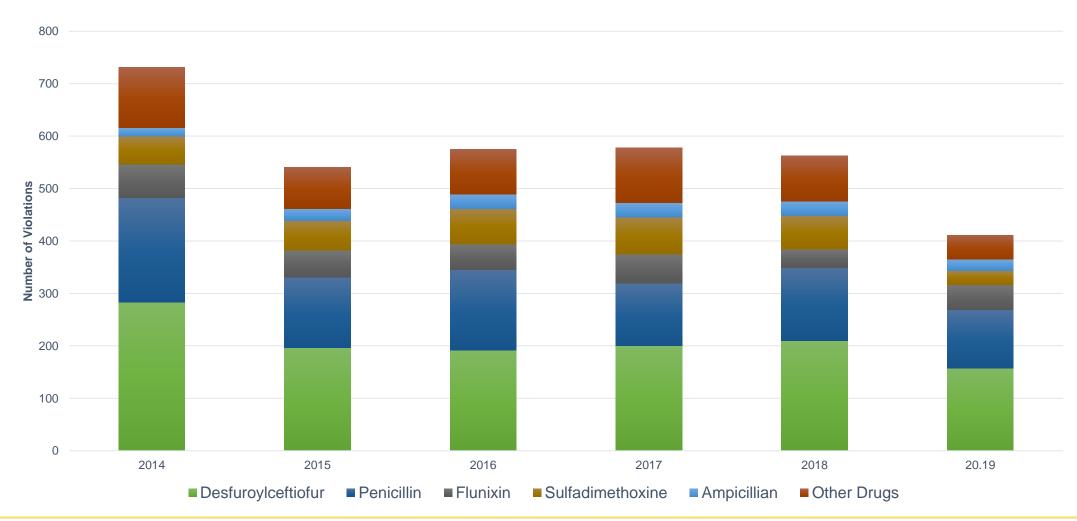
- Antibiotic Use and Antimicrobial Resistance
- Foot and Mouth Disease Preparedness
- Bovine TB Eradication



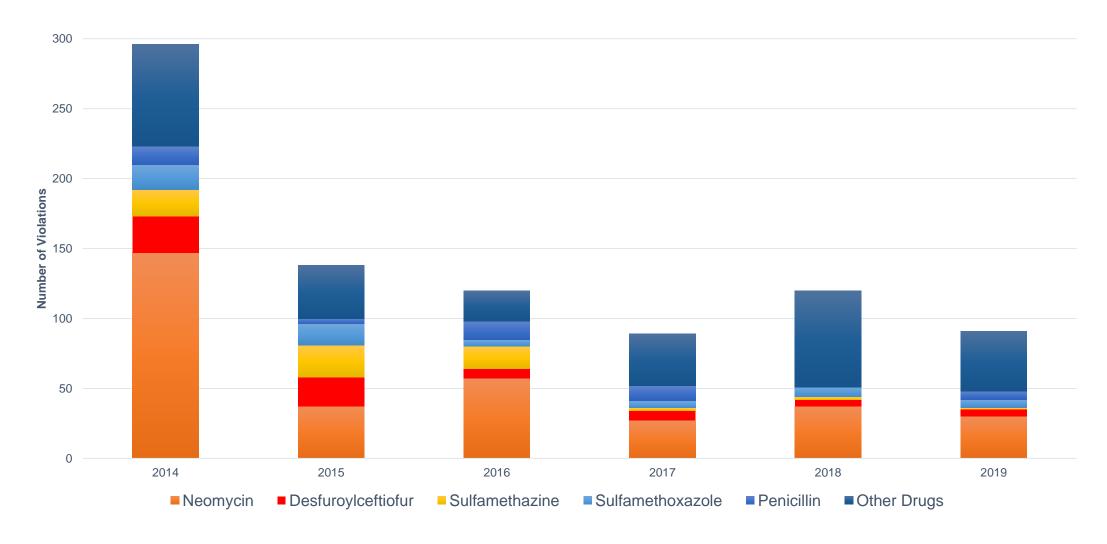
#### **Percent of Bulk Milk Tankers Positive for Antibiotic Residues**



### **Dairy Cull Cow Tissue Residue Violations**



## **Bob Veal Tissue Residue Violations**

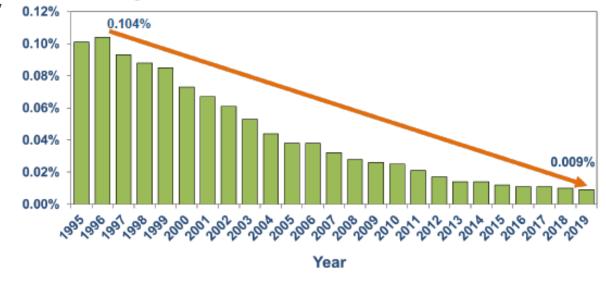




# **Zero-Day Withdrawal Antibiotics**

- FDA requested comment on zeroday withdrawal antibiotics and milking frequencies on U.S. dairy farms
- NMPF conducted nationwide survey and analyzed FARM data
- Submitted 168-page comments emphasizing the dairy industry's commitment to the safe and judicious use of antibiotics

Figure 2. Percent of bulk milk tankers reported positive for an antibiotic residue by the National Milk Drug Residue Database.





# **OTC Antimicrobials Being Restricted**

 FDA draft guidance requests pharmaceutical manufacturers to voluntarily move medically-important antibiotics from OTC to Rx

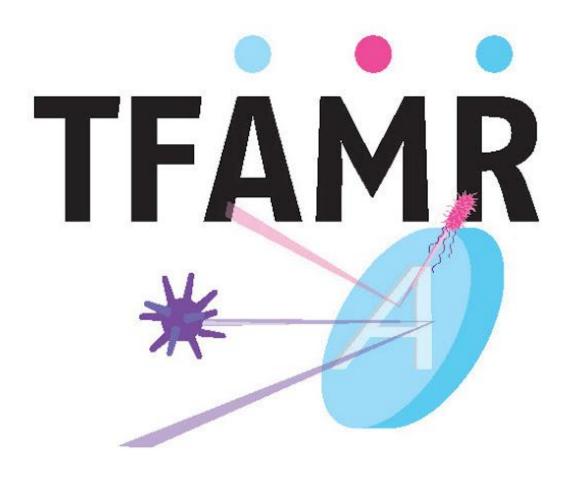
#### • NMPF comments:

- Support voluntary move OTC-Rx
- FARM Program VCPR data

Region	Total with VCPR	Total Evaluations	Share with VCPR
Western	1,749	2,026	86%
Mountain Plains	2,318	2,619	89%
Southwest	646	790	82%
Midwest	10,889	13,977	78%
Northeast	3,258	4,550	72%
Midatlantic	4,172	5,665	74%
Southeast	990	1,308	76%
Nationwide	24,022	30,935	78%



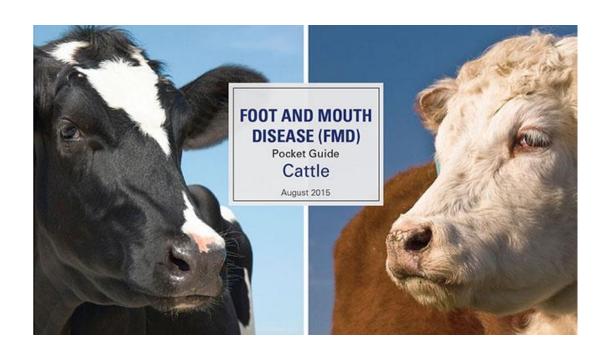
### **Codex Task Force on AMR**



- Big protections at last meeting
  - Animal-only antibiotics defined
  - Treatment, control, and prevention uses defined
- But....EU, Russia, and Norway
  - Push back at highest Codex levels
- Remain diligent, work with U.S. delegation, IDF delegation, and others
  - NMPF and USDEC working closely together



# **2014 NMPF FMD Preparedness Priorities**



- Vaccine use in a U.S. outbreak;
- 2. Vaccine research and antigen bar capabiliti
- 3. USD, by ory and field diagnos,
- 4. Secure Milk Supply; and
- 5. On-farm biosecurity and FMD educational materials.

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# Recent FMD Preparedness Updates



### FMD vaccine bank modernization

- July USDA announces \$27.1 million FMD vaccine purchase
- Purchases to continue in future years

### Next generation FMD vaccine

- Zoetis petition to manufacture attenuated FMD vaccine on U.S. mainland
- Leaderless vaccine technology allows for rapid development by strain

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# **Secure Milk Supply Plan**



### State and regional coordination

- California
- Colorado
- Kansas
- Mid-Atlantic
- Minnesota
- New England
- Washington
- Wisconsin

### Submitted USDA grant proposal

- \$480,000 to integrate Secure Milk Supply into FARM program
- Goal to facilitate transfer of information from farms to state/federal animal health officials in an FMD outbreak

### **NMPF Tuberculosis Task Force**

 Established by Karen Jordan, DVM, NMPF Animal Health & Wellbeing Committee Chair

#### Task:

 Establish U.S. dairy recommendations for modernizing TB eradication program

### Approach:

- Webinars with farmers, state/federal animal health authorities, and researchers
- More to come...





### **USDA Tuberculosis**

- Updated TB import regulations in September
- Proposed research:
  - TB vaccine for deer in Michigan
  - TB vaccine for dairy in Baja California
- Animal ID
  - Require RFID tags for interstate movement 1/1/2023





# **Nutrition, Food Safety, and Labeling**

- Fake Milk Products
- Dietary Guidelines for Americans
- Ultrafiltered Milk





# **Plant-Based Product Labeling – Litigation**



- Current court case between the State of California and Miyoko's Kitchen
  - CDFA told Miyoko's to remove the word butter from their label in addition to removing "Lactose Free," "Hormone Free," "Revolutionizing Dairy with Plants" and "Cruelty Free"
  - Miyoko's Kitchen is suing CDFA based on the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment
- Court issued an injunction against CDFA
  - Bans CDFA from enforcing against the use of "butter," "cruelty free" and "lactose free"
- Still in the early stages of litigation

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# **Plant-Based Product Labeling - FDA**

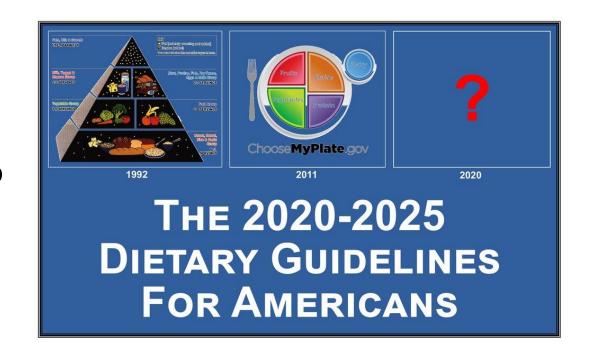


- NMPF submitted comments to the FDA General Principles for Standards of Identity docket emphasizing how plant-based marketers violate all of them
- NMPF engaging with FDA's ombudsman
  - No common or usual names established
  - Non-enforcement violates the Administrative Procedures Act
  - Non-enforcement is an agency re-write of Congress's 1928 Butter Act

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# **Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2020**

- Advisory Committee's scientific report released in July
- Key points from report:
  - Dairy maintains its own food group
  - Dairy included in the guidelines for birth to 24 months old (new guidance)
    - ➤ Cheese & yogurt 6 to 12 months old
    - ➤ All dairy 1 to 2 years old
  - 3 servings of low-fat and non-fat dairy still recommended in the healthy U.S. and vegetarian diets
  - Saturated fat limit remains at 10% (kcal)
  - DGAC acknowledged new science on fat





# **Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2020**

- Final policy document will be released by the end of this year
- The full fat fight continues!
  - NMPF/IDFA letter to HHS & USDA June
  - NMPF oral comments August
  - NMPF written comments August
  - NMPF meeting w/ USDA Undersecretary Lipps – October
  - Congress sends NMPF-initiated letter to HHS & USDA supporting robust review of dairy science – October





## **Ultrafiltered Milk Docket**

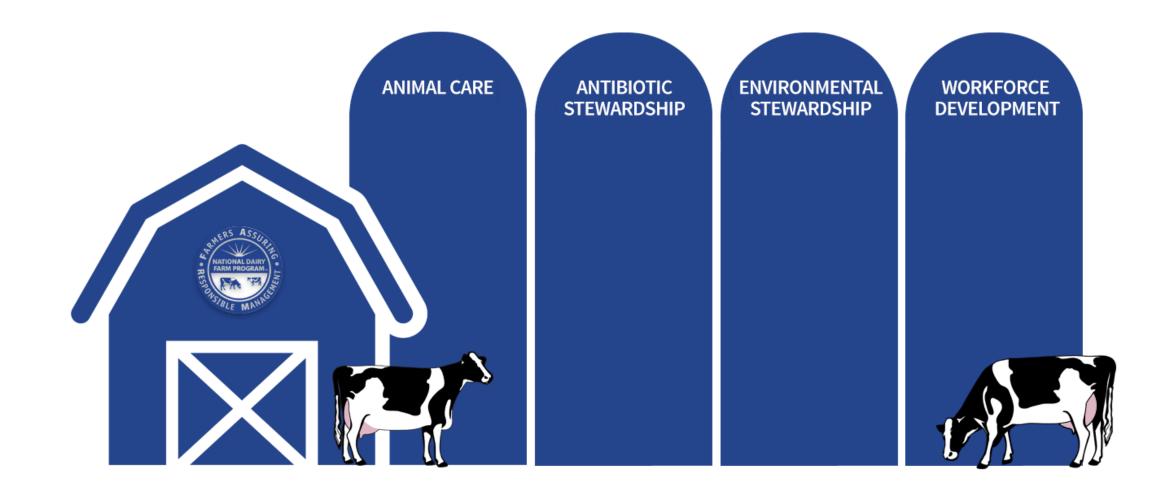
 FDA re-opened the UF milk proposed rule docket first published in 2005

- Proposed rule would allow UF milk use in cheesemaking, which FDA has conditionally allowed using enforcement discretion
- NMPF submitted comments with IDFA
- Key points:
  - UF and MF milk made in-plant or from another plant can be used in cheese
  - UF and MF milk must be liquid
  - If UF/MF milk is used, it would still be labeled as "milk" on the ingredient statement





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## **FARM Program Cycle Extensions**

# Due to COVID-19 pandemic, all FARM Program cycles have been adjusted, now to remain in place through <u>December 31, 2023</u>

### Animal Care 4.0

- 2<sup>nd</sup> party evaluations & 3<sup>rd</sup> party verifications recommended temporary stoppage
- MCAP and CIP deadlines extended
- Evaluator trainings moved to virtual platform provided by Acer Consulting
- Willful mistreatment protocol execution on an as-needed basis

### Environmental Stewardship 2.0

 Participants using the sampling protocol to survey farms over the course of 3 years are encouraged to now complete assessment from 2020 to 2023

### Workforce Development 1.0

 WFD Version 1.1, that contains guidance tailored to smaller operations, will be developed for use by end of 2021, as originally planned

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## **New Database Provider**

### Innovation

- Virtual capabilities
- On-farm software integration

### Customer focus

- Producer usability
  - > Protocol builder
  - > Record tracking
  - > Self-reporting

### Customer satisfaction

Reliability, usability & reduce development time

### Practical problem solving

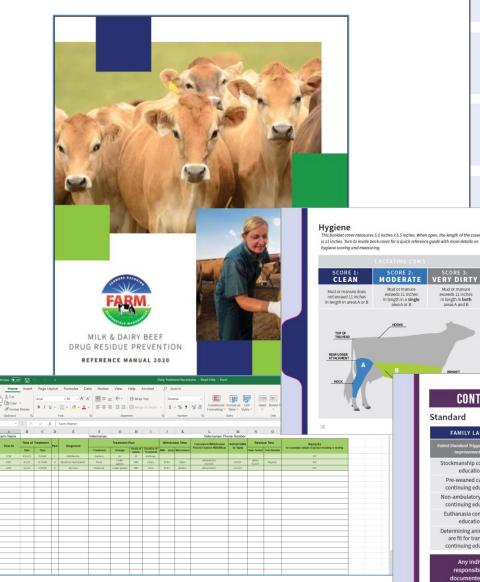
- Working Group establishment
- Customer support



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Conditions or situations may lead to an animal being compromised to such an extent that euthanasia should be performed immediately:

## **New Resources**



### **BODY CONDITION SCORING** SCORE 1 Gaunt, emaciated animal, having little to no fatty tissue around tail head and short rib region. Extremely pronounced back, hooks SCORE 2 Thin animal, with a minimal coverage around the tail head and short rib region. Minimal coverage over back, hooks and pins. SCORE 3 Well-conditioned animal with coverage around the tail head and short rib region. Back, hooks and pins are not pronounced. SCORE 4 Slightly over-conditioned animal with more than overage coverage around tail head and Locomotion SCORE 1 NORMAL in gait. Steps may be slightly uneven. Mud or manure SCORE 2 MODERATE may bear weight evenly while standing.

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION

FAMILY LABOR	NON-FAMILY LABOR
Failed Standard Triggers Continuous	Failed Standard Triggers Mandator
Improvement Plan	Corrective Action Plan
Stockmanship continuing education	Stockmanship continuing education
Pre-weaned calf care	Pre-weaned calf care
continuing education	continuing education
Non-ambulatory animals	Non-ambulatory animals
continuing education	continuing education
Euthanasia continuing	Euthanasia continuing
education	education
Determining animals that	Determining animals that
are fit for transport	are fit for transport
continuing education	continuing education

Any individuals with the any of the above responsibilities are expected to have annual, documented continuing education in that area

#### Compliance

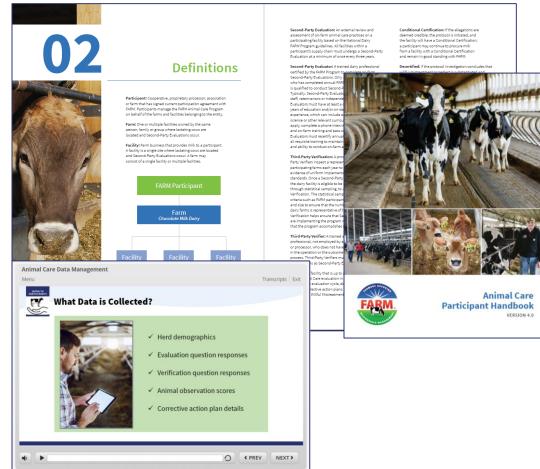
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FAMILY LABOR NON-FAMILY LABOR Each family member (18 years and older) can have a documented training record for those identified tasks they have Each individual responsibility within (18 years and older) OR must have a documented One family member can training record for those sign on behalf and take identified tasks they have responsibility for training all responsibility within immediate family members (18 years and older): individuals must be listed on document

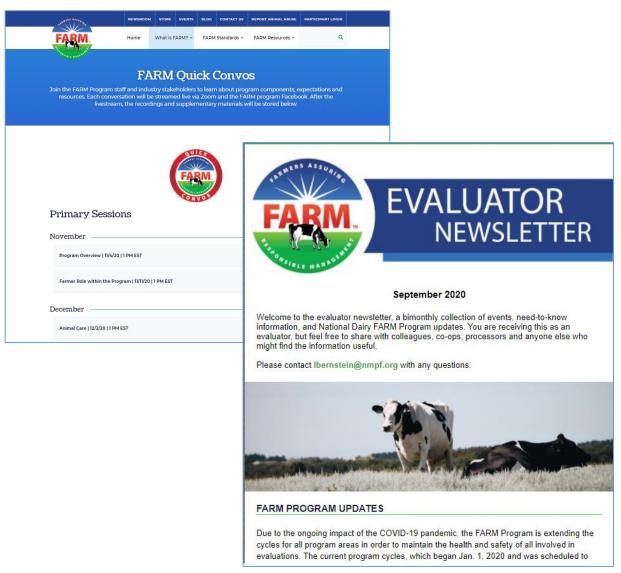
Immediate family is defined as a grandparent, parent, in-law, spouse, partner, sibling, child or grandchild of the legal guardian(s) or legal owner(s) of the dairy operation.

## **New Resources**





# Stakeholder Engagement



### Monthly Connections

- Farmer Advisory Council
- Evaluator Engagement Hours

### Industry Partners

- AABP, ABS, AgChoice, Alltech, Cargill, CowSignals, Dairy Welfare Council, DCHA, DGN, Diamond V Elanco, NCBA, PCDart, PDPW, PDMP, Phibro, VAS, Zoetis
- Dairy Defined
- Hoard's Articles



## **Animal Care & Antibiotic Stewardship**

# Calf Care Quality Assurance Program









### **Governance Updates**

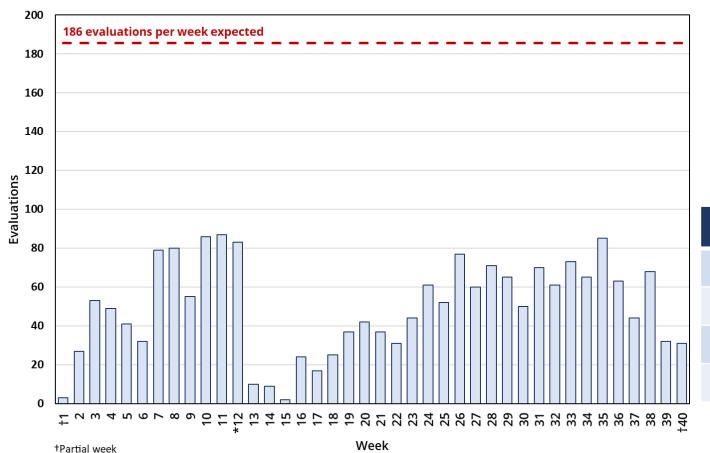
- Animal Care & Antibiotic Stewardship Task Forces
- NMPF Animal Health & Well-Being Committee
- Innovation Center Animal Care Committee





# **Animal Care Version 4.0 Progress**

### **Animal Care Evaluations by Week, Q1-Q3 2020**



Animal Care evaluations completed from Q1 to Q3 of 2020 were **75% below** pre-Covid targets

Actual v. Expected Progress			
	Expected	Actual	
<b>Evaluations Q1-Q3</b>	7,798	1,981	
Per Quarter	2,599	660	
Per Week	186	50	

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<sup>\*</sup>COVID-19 recommendations released

# **Animal Care Version 4.0 Progress**

Top 5 CIPs		
Title	Count	
Permanent Treatment Records	493	
Calf Disbudding Pain Mitigation (Protocol)	393	
Broken Tails (Lactating Cows)	388	
Calf Disbudding Pain Mitigation (Action)	373	
Stockmanship Continuing Education (Family)	328	

Top 5 MCAPs		
Title	Count	
Annually Reviewed Written Herd Health Plan	829	
Signed Annual VCPR	596	
Stockmanship Continuing Education (Non-Family)	305	
Signed Cow Care Agreement (Non-Family)	270	
Pre-Weaned Calf Management Continuing Education (Non-Family)	235	

- Most corrective action plans were created for protocols, education and documentation requirements:
  - o 73% of CIPs
  - 89% of MCAPs
- Action plans usually resolved ahead of schedule:
  - CIPs resolved in 2.6 months
  - MCAPs resolved in 2.8 months

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# **Environmental Stewardship Progress**

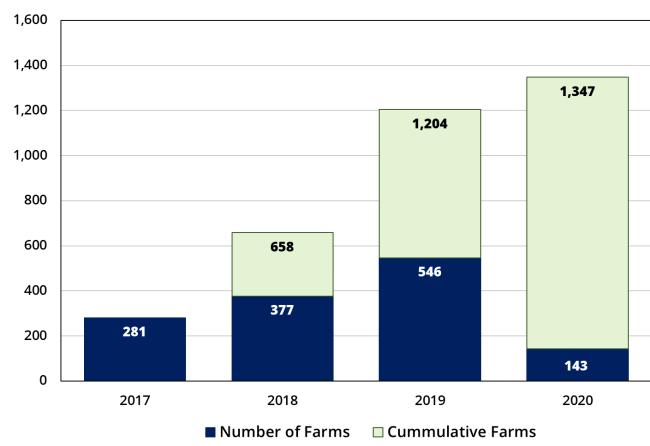
 1,636 FARM ES evaluations completed for 1,347 farms enrolled in FARM ES

Version 2.0 launched

### New resources

- Updated User Guide
- Data collection sheet
- Guide for remote evals

### Farms enrolled in FARM ES



Preliminary data through Q3 2020. Number of farms is an approximation based on # of facilities; grouped by year of first evaluation.

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# **Ongoing Activities**

### Online Evaluator Training

### Upcoming resources

- Nutrient Management Factsheets
- Evaluation Prep Guide

### Strategic Planning

- Net Zero & 2050 Goal Alignment
- Innovation Center Collaboration
- Input sessions

### Database Enhancements

# Online Evaluator Training Required on October 1st





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# **Workforce Development**

- Voluntary 2<sup>nd</sup> Party Evaluation
  - Approved by NMPF board March 2020
- Evaluator Training Development
- Resources Working Group
  - Develop additional producer resources
- Evaluation Working Group
  - Develop version of evaluation tool for smaller operations





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# **Nationwide Labor Survey**

## **Survey Highlights**

- Texas A&M Center for North American Studies
- 40% of farms hire non-family labor
- Variety of non-wage benefits, e.g. paid vacation and housing
- Average of 1.4 days off per week
- Pre-employment screenings underutilized

### **Next Steps**

- Communications material
  - Social media postings
  - Infographic
  - Article in Hoard's (Oct. 2020)
- Turnover analysis
- Inform FARM WFD program and resource development

Full report: <a href="https://nationaldairyfarm.com/producer-resources/worker-safety-human-resources/">https://nationaldairyfarm.com/producer-resources/worker-safety-human-resources/</a>

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