



WCMA NEWS

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NEWS

WCMA to Launch OSHA Alliance Thursday



Join WCMA this Thursday, October 17 at 10:30 a.m. in Middleton, Wisconsin for the [official launch of our new alliance](#) with the U.S. Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA).

An agreement detailing the partnership will be signed at a special news conference at the headquarters of WCMA member and event host [Foremost Farms USA](#).

Building on the foundation laid by the WCMA Health & Safety Group, the alliance will pursue common goals in support of dairy processors' employee safety efforts, including:

- Sharing information on safety laws and standards and OSHA initiatives;
- Encouraging communication between OSHA and industry to provide input on issues and forge innovative safety solutions; and
- Developing resources for the dairy processing industry on common workplace hazards, worker rights, and employer responsibilities.

After the signing, [WCMA's Health & Safety Group](#) will meet to share more details of the alliance and explore key topics such as chemical safety and workplace violence prevention. The meeting also includes a networking lunch for in-person attendees. Registration is [open now](#) - join us!



H5N1

Response

New California H5N1 Human Cases Confirmed

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) last week [confirmed a third human case](#) of highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) in a California dairy farm worker. Samples from two additional suspected cases are being provided to the CDC now for confirmatory testing. If confirmed, the new cases will bring the total number of human H5N1 cases among dairy farm workers to 11, and the total number of human cases overall to 25.

A complete listing of confirmed H5N1 cases among dairy cattle in the U.S. can be found on the [U.S. Department of Agriculture's website](#). WCMA members can also visit [our website](#) for information and resources related to the H5N1 outbreak in cattle and how processors can protect their workers.

RSVP for Dairy Innovation Hub Annual Summit



Register now for the Dairy Innovation Hub's [annual free, hybrid Dairy Summit](#), set for Thursday, November 20. The [meeting agenda](#) includes remarks from UW-Madison officials, presentations on Hub-funded research projects, impact stories from farmers and end users, and two afternoon off-site tours.

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Headlines

Wisconsin

- Eater: [What makes Wisconsin Cheddar so vibrantly orange](#) (Featuring WCMA member Hook's Cheese Company)
- Vice: [Cheese curd vodka debuts in Wisconsin](#)

National & Global

- Los Angeles Times: [California dairy ordered to stop production following listeria outbreak](#)
- USA TODAY: [U.S. to double emergency bird flu vaccines as more people, herds become infected](#)
- Supermarket Perimeter: [Natural cheese: Five U.S. legislators explain proposed CURD Act](#)

FEATURED: FOOD SAFETY

Learn more about WCMA's programs and member services in this special rotating section! This week, we spotlight WCMA's food safety offerings and related news.

FDA Launches New Human Foods Program

On October 1, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) launched its unified Human Foods Program, a new model and name for field operations and modernization efforts. The FDA restructured and renamed the unit to focus on inspections, investigations, and imports as its core



mission. The reorganization of the [Office of Inspections and Investigation](#) (OII, previously known as the Office of Regulatory Affairs), extends beyond food and impacts how the FDA oversees all FDA-regulated products. [READ MORE...](#)

Join Dairy Food Safety Alliance for Networking, Updates



Make plans now to join the [next hybrid meeting of the Dairy Food Safety Alliance](#) on Thursday, October 24 from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (CT). The meeting costs just \$45 for in-person attendees, including a catered lunch, or \$30 for virtual attendees. The Dairy Food Safety Alliance is open to all dairy manufacturers, processors, and suppliers. Thanks go to meeting sponsors [BIOIONIX](#) and [QualiTru Sampling Systems!](#)

Learn, Connect at Dairy Practices Council Meeting



Join the Dairy Practices Council for its [annual gathering](#) of dairy industry, academic, and regulatory professionals, set for October 28-30 in Madison, Wisconsin. Learn how the dairy industry will be poised for 2025, network, and increase your knowledge through education, task force sessions, and workshops. [LEARN MORE...](#)

Register Now for Center for Dairy Research PCQI Training



Sign up today to join the Center for Dairy Research's (CDR) [Preventive Controls Qualified Individual \(PCQI\) Training](#), set for November 6-8 in Madison, Wisconsin. The class will cover a standardized curriculum through interactive exercises and an extensive review of food safety plans. The successful completion of this course is one way to meet federal PCQI requirements. [LEARN MORE...](#)

RSVP Now for November 7 WCMA Export Workgroup Meeting



Join WCMA for our [2024 Dairy Export Workgroup meeting](#) on Thursday, November 7. All dairy processors and industry suppliers are welcome in-person in Madison, Wisconsin or online. Learn about selecting trustworthy export partners, setting competitive prices for global markets, and navigating the complexities of international trade regulations. We'll also share updates on the implementation of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USCMA) and the use of common food names in Mexican markets.

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Gain FMMO Reform Insights in Free WCMA Webinar Today



John Umhoefer
WCMA



Dr. Chuck Nicholson
UW-Madison

Join WCMA's [next free member webinar](#) today, Tuesday, October 15, at 1:00 p.m. (CT) featuring dairy economist Dr. Chuck Nicholson and WCMA's John Umhoefer. This live, one-hour session will offer a deep dive into the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Recommended Decision on milk pricing changes in FMMOs, including industry reaction to the proposal and audience Q&A.

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Upcoming WCMA Events

October 15	October 17	October 24	November 5	November 7
Free Webinar: FMMO Reforms Explained	Health & Safety Group Meeting (Hybrid)	Dairy Food Safety Alliance Meeting (Hybrid)	Free Webinar: 2025 U.S. Championship Cheese Contest	Export Workgroup Meeting (Hybrid)

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Boost Safety Compliance in WCMA Train the Safety Trainer Class



Build your skills as a trainer and enhance your organization's safety culture with [WCMA's Train the Safety Trainer class](#) on Thursday, December 5 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (CT) at our Madison, Wisconsin offices. Designed with input from WCMA's Health & Safety Group, this interactive session aims to equip the dairy processing industry's safety trainers with the knowledge, skills, and strategies to effectively communicate safety expectations and protocols for maximum compliance.

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