



WCMA NEWS

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NEWS



H5N1 Response

New H5N1 Fact Sheet Available for Dairy Processing Workers



The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WDHS) has created a [new fact sheet](#) to help support dairy processors' efforts to keep their valued employees safe during the outbreak of H5N1 in dairy cows.

This [free resource, created with input from WCMA](#), offers safety tips on key topics including personal protective equipment, pasteurization, and disinfecting protocols.

[DOWNLOAD FACT SHEET](#)

H5N1 Reported in Minnesota, Iowa Dairy Herds

Iowa and Minnesota agriculture officials [last week reported](#) the states' first cases of H5N1 in dairy herds. The cases are currently pending confirmation by the National Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

If confirmed, the detections bring the [total count of affected U.S. states to 11](#), with H5N1



confirmed in 83 herds across the country. Two dairy farm workers in Michigan and one in Texas have tested positive for the virus, including one who reported respiratory symptoms.

Also last week, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a [letter to all state, territorial, and tribal partners](#) offering recommendations regarding the sale and consumption of raw milk amid the H5N1 outbreak. WCMA will continue to keep members informed of further developments in this newsletter and at WisCheeseMakers.org.

WCMA, CDR Award \$3.2 Million in DBIA Grants



The Dairy Business Innovation Alliance (DBIA), administered by WCMA and the Center for Dairy Research, has [awarded \\$3.2 million in grants](#) to 37 dairy companies and cooperatives, including eight WCMA members:

- Alpinage Cheese, Oak Creek, WI
- Burnett Dairy Cooperative, Grantsburg, WI
- Hidden Springs Creamery, Westby, WI
- Nordic Creamery, Westby, WI
- Renard's Cheese, Algoma, WI
- Sartori Cheese, Plymouth, WI
- Uplands Cheese, Dodgeville, WI
- Wapsie Valley Creamery, Independence, IA

The DBIA was established in the 2018 Farm Bill under the leadership of U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin). [READ MORE...](#)

Headlines

Wisconsin

- WTMJ Radio: [Travel Wisconsin: Lessons in dairy](#) (Featuring WCMA members Emmi Roth and Land O'Lakes)
- WMSN-TV: [It's Sauk County Dairy month - get outdoors!](#) (Featuring WCMA member Carr Valley Cheese)

National & Global

- CNN: [First national look at H5N1 bird flu in wastewater suggests limited spread in U.S.](#)
- Brownfield Ag News: [U.S. cheese, ice cream production up in April](#)
- Dairy Processing: [Organic Valley plans to add 100-plus farms in 2024](#) (Featuring WCMA member CROPP Cooperative/Organic Valley)
- TimeOut: [Paris is opening a cheese museum](#)

FEATURED

Learn more about WCMA's programs and member services in this special rotating section! This week, we spotlight new Association member businesses.



G.M.D. Inc.



Verhasselt
Consulting



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BANK

SOLNEXUS
CHEMICAL



Remco
a Vikan company

WCMA Welcomes New Members

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- [Spirax Sarco](#)
- [Drydon Equipment, Inc.](#)
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- [Ramler Cold Storage & Trucking](#)
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- [Patriot Metals LLC](#)
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- [Republic Bank](#)
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- [Stuke Iowa](#)
- [Feldmeier Equipment](#)
- [Remco a Vikan Company](#)

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EDUCATION

Industry Training Spotlight: UW-River Falls

Registration is open now for a [new series of dairy processing workshops](#) set for September at the Wuethrich Family/Grassland Dairy Center of Excellence at the University of Wisconsin -



River Falls.

Space is available in the Falcon Creamery's Pasteurization Course on September 12-13 and its Cheesemaking Short Course on September 23-27. [READ MORE AND REGISTER...](#)



EVENTS & CONNECTION

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Upcoming WCMA Events

June 11	June 13	July 9	July 17	July 24
Free Webinar: Navigating the Future of Sustainable Packaging	Health & Safety Group Meeting (Hybrid)	Save the Date: Free Webinar: PPE Innovations	2024 Golf Outing & Trap Shoot	Save the Date: Workforce & Education Committee Meeting (Hybrid)

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