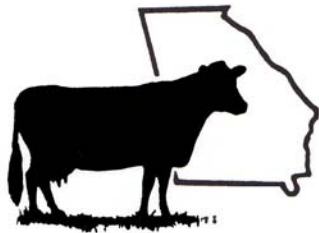


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MILK FUTURES SEMINAR PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 17

A seminar sponsored by the Georgia Milk Producers Inc. which will introduce producers to milk futures and options will be held on November 17, 2009, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Jefferson County Extension Office in Louisville, Georgia. Dr. Tommie Shepherd, a Agribusiness Economist for the University of Georgia, will review the basic principles of milk pricing and introduce milk futures and options to producers to use as a tool for risk management. The meeting is open to all Georgia dairy producers, please call 800-337-0555 to reserve your seat. For more information, contact Farrah Newberry at 800-337-0555. The address for the Jefferson County Extension office is 2529 US Highway 1 N, Louisville , GA 30434-5213.



RECORDKEEPING WORKSHOP TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 15



A workshop sponsored by the University of Georgia focusing on recordkeeping for certified waste operators will be held on December 15 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Georgia Farm Bureau Building in Madison Georgia. Animal Waste Specialists Melony Wilson and Adam Speir will provide producers with the latest information recordkeeping for wastewater management and will answer questions about other CAFO issues. Dennis Brooks with NRCS will also review requirements

for CSP recordingkeeping. The meeting is open to all Georgia dairy producers and certified waste operators will receive two continuing education credits for attending. For more information, contact Melony Wilson at 706-542-2735.

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DAIRY BRIEFS

The November federal order Class I base price is \$12.86/cwt., up 51¢ from October and the highest since January 2009, but still \$2.67 less than November 2008.

Most November Milk Income Loss Contract program payment estimates range between 37¢-47¢/cwt., subject to the feed adjuster.

USDA's National Ag Statistics Service estimated 236,500 culled dairy cows were slaughtered under federal inspection in September, down about 2,400 head from August 2009, but 13,000 more than September 2008.

January-September 2009 cull cow slaughter totaled about 2.148 million head, up about 230,200 head from January-September 2008. (Source:Dairy Profit Weekly)

On farm profitability continued to improve in October. The All-Milk price was estimated at \$13.80, up 90¢ from September.

Meanwhile, the cost of feed to produce 100 lbs. of milk was \$6.76, according to USDA's "Ag Prices" report released October 30th. That left "Income over feed costs" at \$7.04, the highest of the year, according to USDA.

PLANS UNDERWAY FOR 2010 GA DAIRY CONFERENCE



We are currently working on the agenda for the 2010 Georgia Dairy Conference and are excited that it will be hosted at the Savannah Riverfront Marriott in Savannah! Any suggestions on topics and/or speakers that will make our conference even better should be sent to Farrah Newberry at 706-310-0020.

Take advantage of special room rates for the 2010 Georgia Dairy Conference by making your reservations today. From Sunday January 31, 2010, until Tuesday, February 2, 2010, the room rates for those attending the 2010 Georgia Dairy Conference will be \$139.00 per room for single and double occupancy rooms. Junior and Executive Suites are available for an additional charge. All rooms are subject to Georgia State and county sales tax. To take advantage of the special room rate, please make your reservation by December 24, 2009.

In addition, Georgia Milk Producers will once again deduct \$100/night for two nights from each producer's hotel bill at check-out. In the case that two producers share a room, only \$100 will be deducted for that room, not \$100 per producer.

Individuals are requested to call the hotel at 912-233-7722 or 800-285-0398 for reservations. Please mention that you are with the "Georgia Milk Producers" when making your reservation to ensure you receive the discounted room rate.

TODD HUSTON TO SPEAK AT GA DAIRY CONFERENCE



Todd Huston will speak at our 2010 Georgia Dairy Conference during the evening banquet on February 1, 2010. Huston knows how to overcome incredible challenges. When his legs got caught in the propeller of a boat at age 14, his life was radically changed. He battled to keep his legs with numerous surgeries, but bone disease eventually forced him to have one leg amputated.

Later Huston became a psychotherapist and clinical director of the Amputee Resource Center in California. He also worked in psychiatric hospitals for adults, adolescents and children. Huston used his professional skills and personal experiences to help patients achieve more in their lives.

Then Huston did the unimaginable, to prove that you can overcome challenges, he completed a world record-setting Summit America expedition by climbing to the highest elevations of all 50 states in only 66 days 22 hours and 47 minutes, shattering the original record by 35 days!

Huston has been featured in thousands of publications throughout the world, including Sports Illustrated, Forbes and Wall Street Journal as well as the popular book, Chicken Soup for the Soul-A second Helping. He has appeared as a special guest on CBS Year in Sports and Robert Schuller's Hour of Power. Huston has been interviewed on ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, TNN, Inside Edition, and Extra plus numerous radio programs.

CWT ACCEPTS 154 BIDS, 26,000 COWS IN THIRD BUYOUT FOR 2009

Cooperatives Working Together announced October 27 that it has tentatively accepted 154 bids in the fourth herd retirement it has conducted in the last 12 months. The 26,412 cows and 517 million pounds of milk accepted in this round, combined with CWT's three previous herd retirements since December 2008, equal a total reduction of milk production capacity of five billion pounds.



CWT member farmers in 33 states submitted a total of 168 herd retirement bids during the two-week bidding period which ended October 15th. This is the ninth herd retirement in the past six years of CWT's existence, and featured a maximum acceptable bid threshold of \$5.25 per cwt., the same price ceiling as in the retirement conducted in August.

Starting the first week in November, CWT field auditors will begin visiting the 154 farms whose bids were accepted, checking their milk production records, inspecting their herds, and tagging each cow for processing. All farmers will be notified no later than November 16, as to whether their bid was among those accepted.

As with the two most recent herd retirements in 2009, producers whose bids are accepted in this herd retirement will be paid in two installments: 90% of the amount bid times the producer's 12 months of milk production when it is verified that all cows have gone to slaughter, and the remaining 10% plus interest at the end of 12 months following the farm audit, provided both the producer and his dairy facility – whether owned or leased – do not become involved in the commercial production and marketing of milk during that period.

NO WORD YET FROM SECRETARY VILSACK ON \$290 MILLION FOR DAIRY PRODUCERS



Rumors are abound in the "dairy world" on when USDA will distribute the emergency aid of \$290 million earmarked for dairy producers in the 2010 ag appropriations bill signed into law last month. Some dairy organizations are saying that USDA is pushing to get the money to producers in December.

After strong efforts put forth by western Senators and Congressmen to assure fairness in the distribution of these monies, it seems the only logical way to distribute the funds is on the basis of annual production. According to the Alliance for Western Milk Producers, if that is done, producers should get about \$34 per cow.

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NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR 2009 FRIEND OF THE DAIRY INDUSTRY AWARD

Georgia Milk Producers will be awarding the "Friend of the Dairy Industry" Award to an individual or company that worked as a strong advocate for Georgia's dairy industry in 2009. We would like Georgia dairy producers to send in nominations for this award to our office by January 8, 2010. Our Board of Directors will review your nominations and decide who will receive this award at the 2010 Georgia Dairy Producers' Annual Meeting on February 1-2, 2010. This award is open to any individual who is involved with the dairy industry (Cooperative officials/field representatives, feed/supply companies or salesperson, veterinarian, etc.)

Please list your nomination for the "Friend of the Dairy Industry Award" below and include a brief explanation of why you believe this person deserves this award. Also, please include an address or telephone number that the nominee can be reached at (if known). You can fax this information to the Georgia Milk office at 706-310-0025 or mail it to 1641 New High Shoals Road, Suite 5, Watkinsville, Georgia, 30677.

UPCOMING EVENTS

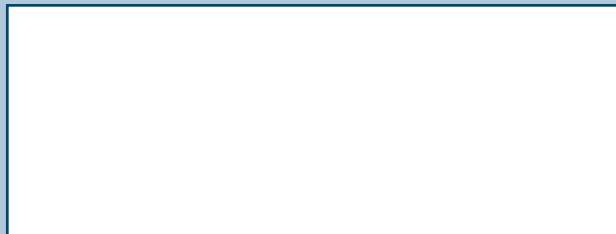
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**December 6-8, 2009
GA Farm Bureau Annual
Meeting at Jekyll
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Workshop, Morgan Co.
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Madison, GA**

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