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» Drug Residue Policy

MILK ON FARM - DRUG RESIDUE SUSPECTED

If a member suspects milk in the farm bulk tank contains drug residue:

1. Call their MMPA member representative to have the milk in the tank tested.

A “hold” must be placed on the tank contents until the test results are known.

OR

2. The MMPA member can test the milk on the farm.

If dumped, the member must be sure to take the stick reading, record the number of pounds of milk and report the information to their member representative.

- If the tank tests negative (no drugs present), the milk may be released and shipped.
- If the tank tests positive (drugs present), the member representative will authorize the member to dump the tank of milk. The member will be paid 75% of the value of the tank of milk involved.*
- If for any reason MMPA personnel must pick up samples at the farm for testing three or more times within 12 consecutive months, the member involved will be charged \$25 per trip.

MILK SHIPPED - POSITIVE DRUGS CONFIRMED

If a member ships milk from the farm and testing by approved laboratory methods show that the milk contained drug residue, the member will be assessed the penalties imposed by the state regulatory agency and be disqualified for raw and PI bacteria count premiums.

If a loss is incurred by MMPA due to the disposal and/or non-marketability of a load of milk or milk products containing drug residue, then the member responsible will be provided an invoice for the entire value of the loss plus transportation and disposal costs as required by the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance.

This invoice may be submitted to the member’s insurance carrier. MMPA must receive settlement on the invoice within 90 days of issuance. If settlement is not made within 90 days, the full amount of the invoice will be deducted from the next milk check unless other settlement arrangements are made.

Milk from that member’s farm tank must be tested and found clear of drugs before the next tank of milk can be picked up.

A hauler whose entire load sample shows the presence of drugs will be charged the amount of an average shipment on that load if the individual member samples all show negative.

* The member will only be paid for two (2) voluntary dumps in a rolling 12 month period.

MMPA MUST REPORT ALL POSITIVE DRUG RESIDUE SHIPMENTS TO THE APPLICABLE STATE REGULATORY AGENCY

» Milk Quality Policy

MILK ON FARM - QUALITY QUESTIONABLE

When a member suspects that the milk in the farm bulk tank is of poor quality they should call a MMPA member representative who will authorize milk in the tank to be dumped. If the member dumps the milk on their own, they must be sure to take the stick reading and record the number of pounds of milk, and report the information to the member representative.

If the milk is dumped, the member will be paid 75% of the value of the tank of milk involved.*

In order to receive payment for an added water voluntary dump, the member must install a Swingline Safety Switch. The Swingline Safety Switch can be ordered from the MMPA Farm Supply Store. The producer's MMPA member representative will verify the switch has been installed. Reimbursement for the Swingline Safety Switch and the voluntary dump will then be made to the member. The member assumes all liability for losses incurred as a result of shipping poor quality or contaminated milk.

* The member will only be paid for two (2) voluntary dumps in a rolling 12 month period.

MILK SHIPPED - HIGH BACTERIA COUNT

IF a load of milk is received (unloaded) at a dairy processing plant

AND IF a sample from the load has a bacteria count of 300,000 or more

AND IF testing of the individual member samples on that load identifies the member or members having a bacteria count of 300,000 or more

THEN the member or members involved will be charged the value of one-half of one day's production** and will be disqualified for raw and PI bacteria count premiums.

* The member will only be paid for two (2) voluntary dumps in a rolling 12 month period.

** For members using more than one bulk tank, the assessment will be based on the value of milk in the tank or tanks in violation of the MMPA quality policy.

MILK SHIPPED - REJECTED LOAD SHIPMENT

IF a load of milk is rejected (not unloaded) at a dairy processing plant

AND IF the milk cannot be sold through normal Grade A channels for reasons of quality which results in the load being sold or disposed of at a loss to MMPA

AND IF testing of the individual member samples on that load identifies the member or members that caused the contamination or rejection of the load

THEN the member or members responsible will be charged the full value of the loss to MMPA plus transportation and disposal costs, and be disqualified for raw and PI bacteria count premiums.

MMPA will provide an invoice to the member for the amount of the loss, to be submitted to the member's insurance carrier. MMPA must receive settlement on the invoice within 90 days of issuance. If settlement is not made within 90 days, the full amount of the invoice will be deducted from the next milk check unless other settlement arrangements are made.

If a member has three or more occurrences within 12 consecutive months, that member must appear before the MMPA board of directors to review steps taken on the farm to correct the quality problem which will enable MMPA to continue to market the milk for this member.

MILK HAULERS

A hauler whose entire load sample exceeds 300,000 cfu per mL bacteria count will be charged the amount of an average shipment on that load if the individual member samples all are less than 100,000 cfu per mL.

TEMPERATURE

BULK TANK FARMS

A hauler will be responsible for all costs incurred by MMPA for loads rejected for temperature.

DIRECT LOAD FARMS

A hauler will be responsible for the freight and disposal charges for all loads of milk rejected for temperature. If farm conditions indicate an on-farm cause for the load to be warm, the member will be responsible for the loss of milk value. In the case where a member cannot be shown as the cause of the rejected load for temperature, the hauler will be responsible for the freight, disposal charges and loss in milk value.

» **Milk Production Income Loss Program**

Fire, Windstorm or TB Depopulation

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

There are many risks that can threaten dairy operations. Members of MMPA are eligible to receive an extra measure of protection against the loss of milk production income from fire, windstorm or Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) depopulation.

BENEFITS PROVIDED

A continuing MMPA member is eligible for payments of up to 100%, subject to a maximum benefit of \$50,000, of his/her normal milk production income for 30 days after the date of incident causing a milk production loss due to damage to milking facilities and/or loss of lactating cows directly from fire, windstorm or TB depopulation. To qualify for the maximum benefit, the member must return to the market as an MMPA member within one year from the date of loss.

A member who fails to return to the MMPA market after the fire, windstorm or TB depopulation within one year from the date of loss is eligible for payment of 25%, subject to a maximum benefit of \$50,000, of his/her normal milk production income for 30 days after the loss incident.

DETERMINING BENEFITS

Payments under this program are based on the amount of milk the member would have sold if the fire, windstorm or TB depopulation had not occurred. Payments are figured on the basis of the amount of milk the member actually sold for the 30 days immediately preceding the date of loss. Milk values are based on the actual producer price of the month of disaster. The benefit paid will be less any value of milk shipped during the 30-day period after the loss incident. The benefit is limited to a maximum of \$50,000 per any one occurrence.

APPLYING FOR PAYMENT

To file a milk production income loss claim, members must notify their member representative or the Novi office within 30 days of the date of loss. Members will be required to complete a claim form providing detailed information regarding the loss, including details on salvage milk sales. Pictures documenting the damage must be included with the claim.

OTHER INFORMATION

MMPA recommends that you review this milk production income loss program with your insurance agent to determine how it coordinates with loss of income and extra expense coverage available to your dairy operation in the insurance marketplace.

» MMPA Quality Premium Program*

SOMATIC CELL COUNT (SCC) PREMIUMS AND DEDUCTIONS

Somatic Cell Count premiums and deductions (in addition to Federal Order SCC Adjustments computed in the producer pay price) will be paid at the following levels:

50,000 or below	+55¢/cwt.
51,000-75,000	+50¢/cwt.
76,000-100,000	+45¢/cwt.
101,000-125,000	+40¢/cwt.
126,000-150,000	+35¢/cwt.
151,000-175,000	+30¢/cwt.
176,000-200,000	+25¢/cwt.
201,000-225,000	+20¢/cwt.
226,000-250,000	+15¢/cwt.
251,000-300,000	+00¢/cwt.
301,000-400,000	- 30¢/cwt.
401,000-500,000	-\$1.00/cwt.
501,000-600,000	-\$1.50/cwt.
601,000 and greater	-\$2.00/cwt.

A payment of 5¢/cwt. will be added for each of the following, if the count is equal to or below:

- 10,000 Raw Bacteria Count
- 20,000 Pre-Incubated (PI) Count

There will be a deduction of 10¢/cwt. for:

- Greater than 100,000 Raw Bacteria Count

A high raw count deduction will be waived if the producer has received the quality premium the previous three months for raw bacteria count.

To qualify for Raw and PI Bacteria Count premiums, there must not be any of the following during the month:

- Positive drug residue
- Abnormal freeze points
- High load count shipment or rejected load shipment
- #3 or #4 sediment
- Raw Bacteria count over 100,000

The count levels for raw and PI will be determined on one test run per month.

To qualify for MMPA SCC premiums there must be:

- No abnormal freeze points during the month

EU SCC REQUIREMENT

All MMPA member milk must meet the requirements of European Union certification for SCC which is an average of 400,000 or less calculated by a rolling 3-month geometric mean.

*As of October 2021.

» MMPA Member Testing Fees*

Payment for testing will be made through an automatic milk check deduction. All costs are listed per individual sample.

COW TESTS: \$1

Cow samples may be tested for:

- Culture for Streptococcus agalactiae
- Strep non ag
- Staphylococcus aureus
- coagulase negative staph
- gram negative and/or SCC

Additional testing can be coordinated through the producer's MMPA member representative to include:

- Raw bacteria counts and components

All herd tests must be scheduled with the laboratory through the producer's MMPA member representative.

ADDITIONAL TESTS AVAILABLE

All costs are listed per individual sample.*

- Mycoplasma Cultures\$16
- Bacteriology Cultures - includes identification of bacteria and drug susceptibility.....\$25
- Bovine Viral Diarrhea
 - PCR\$40
 - ELISA.....\$6.50
- Johne's Milk Test
 - PCR\$40
 - ELISA.....\$6.50
- Bovine Leukosis Test
 - ELISA.....\$6.50
- Milk Pregnancy ELISA.....\$4.75

LAB TEST RESULTS BY MAIL: \$2/MONTH

All tests must be scheduled through the producer's MMPA member representative or the laboratory for proper sample submission protocol.

*Pricing and testing availability are subject to change.

If members would like lab test cards provided to them, please contact the MMPA laboratory in Novi at 800-572-5824.



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