

National Dairy Policy Update – 1/31/11

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Most dairy industry stakeholders agree that the present national dairy policy has failed our dairy producers. The milk price avalanche in February, 2009 and resulting farm financial crisis provided sufficient motivation to develop new strategies in reforming the present system.

U.S.D.A. Secretary Vilsack formed the Dairy Industry Advisory Committee to seek solutions to the present dairy dilemma. Other organizations have also worked to develop plans to change the present system. One group, National Milk Producers Federation, an organization representing milk marketing cooperatives recently unveiled their proposal called “Foundation for the Future” (FFTF).

This program is a multi-faceted plan that includes: a margin insurance program for dairy farmers called the Dairy Producer Margin Protection Program; a supply management component called the Dairy Market Stabilization Program and recommendation to make numerous changes in the present Federal Milk Marketing Order system. Further, as a part of this program the present Federal Dairy Product Support Price (DPPSP) and Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Programs would be eliminated.

Please take time to look at the FFTF proposal. This plan is on a “fast track” for legislation before the 2012 Farm Bill and your input is important. If you have questions or thoughts concerning FFTF please call KDDC at 859-516-1129.

