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December 31, 2008 Waste Discharge Requirements Deadline

Don't forget that the deadline to complete your **Field Risk Assessments** and **Preliminary Infrastructure Needs Checklist** is quickly approaching. Bring your questions to the Glenn County Cooperative Extension Office on Mondays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. for free assistance with meeting the December 31, 2008 submission deadline for the Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Existing Milk Cow Dairies. The remaining dates for these "question & answer" sessions are **December 1, 8, & 15**. Of course, individual appointments are available as well - just plan ahead as our office will be closed for the holidays.



Making Progress Towards July 1, 2009

Please remember that the Annual Reporting deadline of July 1 requires significant advance planning. These are not reports and activities that can wait until June - they need to be started now! This includes continuing to take the appropriate samples (harvest, supply well, soil- if you haven't already, storm water discharges, unauthorized discharges); maintaining records of inspections, irrigations, manure applications, and manure exports; addressing backflow problems and interim facility modifications; installing setbacks, buffers, or alternatives; and installing manure pond depth markers. You will need to keep in close contact with your CCA as you develop your nutrient budget and you will need to work with an engineer to address the requirements for storage capacity, flood protection, and production area design. The requirements do seem overwhelming, but I'm happy to answer any questions you have! By planning ahead and starting now, you'll avoid many summertime headaches. See monitoring activities calendar on reverse side.

California State Holstein Convention

The California State Holstein Convention will be held **January 29-31, 2009** in Reno, NV at John Ascuaga's Nugget. The convention is being hosted by Northern California Club (that's us!). The State Association has been kind enough to take on the planning process, but we do need local members to step up and help out during the convention. Please let me know if you are available to help with this event. If you would like to attend, visit www.caholstein.com for more information.

Upcoming Dairy Day

North Valley Dairy Day has returned! After a one year hiatus, Dairy Day is *tentatively* scheduled for Tuesday, February 3. Stay tuned for more information.

New Newsletter Format

Watch your mailboxes and inboxes after the first of the year for the new California Regional Dairy Newsletter. Dairy Advisors and University Specialists up and down the state will be working together to bring you important local and regional information. The "Superior California Dairy Review" format will be the same, but the next issue will also be jam packed with great information from our friends throughout the state.

Small Farm Conference

Registration and scholarship applications are now available for the 2009 California Small Farm Conference, scheduled for **March 1-3, 2009** in Sacramento. The 2009 Small Farm Conference includes 25 Workshops on topics of great importance to California's small farm industry such as production agriculture, marketing, resource conservation, and farmers' market management. The conference also features six Short Courses, each of which includes tours of area farms and agricultural businesses. See www.californiafarmconference.com for more information and to register.

Responsible Dairy Symposium

Dairy Herd Management Magazine will host the first Annual Responsible Dairy Symposium, **March 9-11, 2009**. Topics will include Animal Well Being, Environment, Human Capital and Food Safety. Join stakeholders from throughout the dairy systems and discover what it will take to be responsible to yourself, to our animals and our consumers, not just today, but in the future. For more information, visit www.dairyherd.com/ResponsibleDairy.

November-January Activities

1st of each month	<i>Photograph ponds</i>
Each week	<i>Visual inspections (production and waste storage areas; ponds)</i>
Significant storm event(1)	<i>Visual inspections (storm water containment structures)</i>
Manure exports	<i>Measure volume/density OR weight/moisture (may require laboratory analyses)</i>
Harvest	<i>Yield, laboratory analyses</i>
Manure/process wastewater discharge	<i>Date, time, volume, duration, location, source, destination, field measurements & laboratory analyses; report to RB5 within 24 hours</i>
Storm water discharge from production area	<i>Date, time, volume, duration, location, source, destination, field measurements & laboratory analyses</i>
First significant storm(1) resulting in discharge from land application area	<i>Date, time, volume, duration, location, source, destination, field measurements & laboratory analyses(2)</i>

(1) A storm event that results in continuous runoff of storm water for a minimum of one hour, or intermittent runoff for a minimum of three hours in a 12-hour period

(2) 1/3 of land application areas must be sampled, rotating areas each year for 3 years.