

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
(DATCP)
DAIRY RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DRAC)
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: February 15, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Madison, WI and Virtual Teams Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

Call to order:

Adam Brock called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM

Open meeting notice:

Adam Brock stated the meeting is a public meeting. The open meeting notice has been posted.

Roll Call:

Members in attendance: Gloria Joseph, Andy Johnson, Dawn Walter, Bob Wills, Jessica Hansen, Ben Shibler, Nelson Schrock, Pete Hesprich, Adam Brock, Kristen Houck, John Umhoefer, Jason Mugnaini, Mick Homb, Alex O'Brien, Scott Rankin, and Jacquie Pappel, Helen Schmude, and Tim Neubauer

Others in attendance: Tyson Villarreal, Kristen Strohmenger, Brandon Johnson, Jeff Jefferies, Shane Lewis, Elmer Schmucker, Max Huebner, Kate Angeles, Jim Pikka, Troy Sprecker, Mary Rollins, and Michelle Steinmetz

Approval of agenda:

Bob Wills made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Alex O'Brien. The agenda was approved.

Approve previous meeting minutes:

No corrections to the previous meeting minutes for the DRAC November 30, 2023 meeting. Bob Wills made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Alex O'Brien. Meeting minutes were approved.

Public comments: There were no public comments made.

DATCP Update

Tyson Villarreal presented the DATCP Update (**see slides from DATCP Update 2-15-2024**) and started by sharing the personnel changes within the Dairy Section. Dairy Technical Specialist Michelle Stedman will be leaving DATCP to work with FDA. Sanitarian Jason Wood has left the department so there is currently a vacant area in northwest WI. Two new sanitarians have joined DATCP- Elsie Lundquist and Jack DeMarais. The new sanitarian maps can be viewed at: [DATCP Home Dairy Services \(wi.gov\)](https://www.wisconsin.gov/datcp). Emily Harbison has also started as a new MSRO. Adam Brock will be starting as the DFRS Administrator. There are six sanitarians, two MSRO, and one LEO still in training.

DATCP has a lot of new staff and many with less than five years of experience. DATCP will be striving for consistency with staff. If you have any concerns, please reach out to Laura Traas.

DATCP and the ATCP 82 committee has completed the first review of the entire document. ATCP 82 will be revised to include new technologies and the group is working with these manufacturers. The ATCP Committee members are:

- Adam Brock
- Andy Johnson
- Mick Homb
- John Umhoefer
- Helen Schmude
- Tony Lampman
- Alex O'Brien
- Laura Traas

Adam Brock will be leaving this sub-committee.

The testing of soft Hispanic style cheese for *Listeria monocytogenes* in Wisconsin is complete. After two years of testing, there has been 1 sample that tested positive for *Listeria innocua*.

The FDA multi-drug residue surveillance testing is in the second year of sampling. Advance sanitarians are collecting these samples. Please feel free to reach out to DATCP with any concerns.

DATCP sent out three communications via GovDelivery. The first was a five-question survey to help DATCP plan dates and locations of the Bulk Milk Weigher and Sampler inspections at Fairgrounds. The second was to notify industry of the Milk Equipment Installer Meeting that is hosted by the Dairy Technical Specialist group in March. The third was to communicate the requirements of the Milk Collection Record (ATCP 82.10(10)). DATCP is asking industry to help regulate these requirements. Tim Neubauer offered to share an example Milk Collection Record form if anyone is interested.

Subcommittee Updates

John Umhoefer reported that the Pasteurizer sub-committee hasn't met since the fall of 2023. Once ATCP 65 is updated to fully integrate the emergency resealer program, this certification will be mandatory for Grade A plants. DATCP has seen improvements with industry filling out the Pasteurizer Broken Seal Report form correctly.

Alex O'Brien gave an update for the phosphatase sub-committee. The committee discussed the cost to industry associated with the loss of product with not being able to test phosphatase on cheese. The group decided this might be key information to justify the problem and show the need to invest in a new test method. DATCP will look at past hold orders and give the committee an estimate. DATCP will not be able to tell from the hold orders if the cheese was disposed of or went on for further processing. Kristen Houck will also bring this up at the next Wisconsin Laboratory Association meeting to see if there would be any instrumentation companies that could potentially help. It was decided to have the sub-committee meet again to come up with a one page summary with goals moving forward.

Member Concerns

Alex O'Brien discussed a recall of cotija cheese in California. Hawaii did whole genome sequencing of the *Listeria monocytogenes* and was able to tie the strain to 26 illness over the past 10 years.

Summary of Action Items and Person(s) Responsible

Next Meeting- Thursday June 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The location is TBD.

Adam Brock has accepted a position with DATCP as the Division Administrator and will no longer be able to serve as Chair. Gloria Joseph made a motion to have the Vice Chair fill the Chair position until the next term. Motion was seconded by Jason Mugnaini. Motion passed.

Meeting ends at 10:26 a.m.