

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

Date: August 5, 2020
Time: 8:50 AM – 11:30PM
Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

Call to order:

Meeting start time was delayed due to technical difficulties.
Katie Tuchalski called meeting to order at 9:03AM

Attendees

Members in attendance include: Katie Tuchalski, Lisa Torkelson, Megan Jensen, Debi Towns, Tim Neubauer, Adam Brock, Andy Johnson, Helen Schmude, Mick Homb, Gloria Joseph, Jim Schwartz, Jeff Kirchberg, John Umhoefer, Bob Wills, Andrew Schmitt, Mykel Wedig, Dean Hines

Guest in attendance include: Marianne Smukowski, Steve Stoner, Laura Traas, Tim Anderson, Jackie Owens, Troy Sprecker, Amy Millard, George Petrilli, Jim Pikka, Kate Angeles, Peter Hesprich, Steve Ingham, Scott Rankin

Members not in attendance include: Nelson Schrock, Jeremy Syring, Ben Shibler, Shelly Mayer, Mark Frederixon, Tom Crave, James Baerwolf

Open meeting notice:

Tim Anderson stated the meeting was a public meeting and subject to public records request. The open meeting noticed had been posted.

Approval of agenda:

Dean Hines added a discussion of ATCP 82.10(10), 82.10(11), and 65.16(3) from the Single Farm Pick-Up subcommittee to the Member Concerns section of the agenda.

Approve previous meeting minutes:

No corrections to the previous meeting minutes

Public comments:

There were no public comments or input from the public.

Housekeeping:

The committee members will use the raise hand icon in Zoom for voting.

Regulatory Update:

Tim Anderson presented a regulatory update on DATCP dairy program and DATCP pandemic response (**see slides from DRAC August regulatory update 08-2020 presentation**). DATCP was focused on inspection flexibility during the pandemic and also implemented food safety calls to plants. Tim also reviewed the Dairy Section's Badger Bounce Back Plan.

DATCP will start posting internal policies and procedures that interpret regulations for comment on DATCP's website and the Legislative Reference Bureau's website. The rBST bill was passed in March and went into effect this week. The Bulk Milk Weigher and Sampler (BMWS) reciprocity bill was also passed in March. DATCP recently went through an FDA evaluation and Tim shared portions of the FDA report regarding the strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations.

Member Concerns

Dean Hines brought concerns on behalf of the Single Farm Pick-Up subcommittee. The subcommittee wishes to discuss concerns around rules ATCP 65.16(3)d, ATCP 82.10(10) and 82.10(11). Issues arising from the current rules:

- Difficult for farms with AMI to shut down their systems and restart them for sample collection. It would be easier for a sample to be taken elsewhere to test (i.e. the dairy plant) and this would minimize downtime at the farm. The sample could be collected with the milk shipment.
- The bulk milk temperature chart is supposed to be calibrated every six months. Could this be done by a licensed BMWS instead of the field reps? The BMWS tend to be a more frequent point of contact. In the case of farms that are doing direct shipments, the field rep would need to do the calibration instead of a BMWS.

Andy Johnson asked if the committee was prepared enough to give an advisory comment on the rule. The subcommittee was not prepared at this time.

Dean Hines motioned to have the subcommittee reconvene at another date and include DATCP to advise as needed. At a future DRAC meeting, the subcommittee would be prepared for proposing changes to the rules. Adam Brock seconded the motion. Motion passed.

By-laws Discussion

Prior to the meeting, the membership sub-committee sent out a language for the membership section of the DRAC operational guidelines. There was no comments or debate at this time. The committee voted to adopt the new language into the membership section. The committee also adopted the DRAC Operational Guidelines.

The 2 and 3 year terms for each of the current stakeholders was determined to minimize turnover of the stakeholders. DATCP created a spreadsheet that randomly selects stakeholders for each term. The committee agreed to this method. It was determined that six people will be on a two-year term and five people will be on three-year term:

The six selected stakeholders for a two-year terms are: Helen Schmude, Katie Tuchalski, Jeff Kirchberg, Robert Wills, Gloria Joseph, and Andy Johnson. The remaining five will be on a three-year term.

Summary of Action Items and Person(s) Responsible

It was decided to hold the next meeting virtually. The next meeting will be November 4th, 2020.

The sub-committees will return with a proposed advisory statement for the next meeting:

Truth in Labeling-Lead Team Member: Adam Brock

Single Farm Pick-up Lead Team Member: Dean Hines

Cooling Temps in Raw Milk Temp: Helen Schmude and Gloria Joseph

Andy Johnson motioned to adjourn meeting. Motion passes.