

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

Date: August 11, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Virtual Teams Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

Call to order:

Gloria Joseph called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Open meeting notice:

The open meeting notice has been posted.

Roll Call:

Members in attendance: Jeff Kirchburg, Errin Nondorf, Andrew Johnson, Helen Schmude, Kristin Houck, Tim Anderson, Alex O'Brien, Jason Mugnaini, and Bob Wills, and Troy Shibler.

Others in attendance: Max Huebner, Tyson Villarreal, Adam Brock, Kate Angeles, Michelle Steinmetz, Troy Sprecker, Jim Pikka, Mary Rollins, Brian Wiegand, Heidi Jenks, Joeseeph Baeten-DNR, Tim Anderson-DATCP, Rebekah Sweeny, Kristen Pasteris, and Amanda Rasmussen.

Approval of agenda:

No additions needed.

Approve previous meeting minutes:

No corrections to the previous meeting minutes for the DRAC May 19, 2026, meeting. Bob Wills made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Helen Schmude. 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 08-11-2026).

The Bureau of Food and Recreational Business's mission and vision statement along with the values of the Bureau was shared. Tyson reviewed the purpose of the Dairy Rules Advisory Committee (DRAC). Any DRAC questions can be directed to Kate Angeles (kate.angeles@wisconsin.gov). Tyson also shared DATCP Emergency Response contacts: datcpfoodcomplaintsemergencyresponse@wi.gov or (608) 224-4714 and recommended the contact information be added to facility's Food Safety Plans. There was a reminder of the Dairy Section Services webpage: [DATCP Home Dairy Services](#). There is also information regarding Raw Milk Sold for Animal Feed on the website.

Staffing Update: The Dairy Section is fully staffed. Aaron Lens is the newest sanitarian for Fond du Lac, Washington, and Ozaukee counties.

Dairy Section Data: Numbers of Grade A and Grade B milk producers were reviewed. Wisconsin has a total of 909 AMI units which exceeds most other states. PBF frequency was reviewed and the PBF categorization chart will be shared with the committee.

Dairy Plant Inspection Report Form has been updated. Please share any concerns with the new report format.

Cheesemaker License: Tyson followed up from last meeting with needing a cheesemaker license for other types of cheeses (i.e. processed cheese). He reviewed the definition of a cheesemaker and cheese. The committee gave feedback to DATCP to consider the food safety concern with requiring processed cheese facilities to have a licensed cheesemaker on staff. These facilities do not run pasteurizers and would increase hiring costs for the facilities. The cheesemaker courses and tests should be reviewed as well since a lot of it applies for raw processing.

Bulk Milk Weight and Sampler (BMWS) Renewals: Minor editorial changes were made to [ATCP 82](#). 2026 renewals are due by 9/30/26. Please schedule a date for the BMWS inspection before the week of September 27, 2026. Sign-up for a spot at one of the [fairgrounds](#) or group exercises can be coordinated with a sanitarian.

Milk Producer Water Testing: Currently, glycol water test results are required to be kept on the farm. DATCP can track these results, and the glycol test result can be listed on the quarterly report sent out by the Eau Claire office. Please send any feedback or concerns.

On Farm Raw Milk Condensing: Raw milk membrane processing is allowed but requires a dairy plant license

Tanker Legacy Numbers: ATCP 82 requires tankers to be labeled with their Grade A Permit ID and State. DATCP gave an allowance for tankers to continue to use a legacy number. By using the legacy number and not the permit ID, it has been causing confusion in the intakes. DATCP recommends removing the legacy number and updating the tanker with the permit number.

Upcoming Events: The Laboratory Evaluation Officer will be hosting free Industry Supervisor training this October. Registration information will be sent out at the beginning of September. WAFP will be hosting a [Certified Pasteurizer Operator Course](#) on September 30, 2026, at Kwik Trip Campus in La Crosse. The 2027 NCIMS Conference is scheduled to occur April 20-25, 2027, in St. Louis, MO.

Subcommittee Updates

Rebekah Sweeny reported for the Pasteurizer sub-committee. There are no significant updates from John. Michelle Steinmetz reported that there is currently one individual going through the testing portion. DATCP is seeing a few issues with phosphatase testing with how to sample and what products need to be testing. There have been erratic phosphatase results when testing condensed milk.

Alex O'Brien gave an update for the phosphatase sub-committee. There has been no movement with this sub-committee. There will need to be significant funding to validate a new test method or fund research.

Alex O'Brien gave an update for the hydrogen peroxide sub-committee. CDR is continuing to do studies on how long hydrogen peroxide remains detectable on the cheese. CDR will write a pipeline article with guidance for industry once the studies have been completed.

Rebekah Sweeny reported for the Cream Cooling sub-committee. There are no significant updates from John.

Member Concerns

Adam Brock discussed the FSMA 204 Traceability Rule last meeting. There has been no updates to share.

Raw Milk Disposal Guidance Procedure: Tim Anderson shared an updated Farm/Plant guidance document with recommendation on disposal of unsaleable milk (i.e. snowstorm, warm milk, positive drug residue). This guidance document will be shared with the committee.

Organoleptic testing with limited use reclaim water: There are safety concerns with asking lab personnel to taste water that isn't considered drinking water. A plant was recently debited for not tasting the water. This is a PMO and ATCP 65 requirement. DATCP will review and follow-up with the committee.

Summary of Action Items and Person(s) Responsible

Gloria Josph and Kate Angeles will work to schedule the next meeting in August. A motion to adjourn was made by Rebekah Sweeny and seconded by Helen Schmude. Meeting ends at 10:33 a.m.