DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Division of Food and Recreational Safety

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Interim Process for Issuing
Temporary Milk Producer Licenses and Grade A Permits

The Division of Food and Recreational Safety has discontinued normal inspection activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure that new and reinstated milk producers are able to sell milk during this period, the department will use a modified version of the current Temporary License process outlined in the Dairy Plant Resource Manual. This includes issuance of a Temporary Grade A permit.

The process is as follows:

1. Field representatives can email the milk producer license application (F-fd-10) to the Eau Claire office at datcpecdairy@wisconsin.gov.

2. A temporary license will be issued by Eau Claire staff upon receipt of the following documents:

   o Completed and signed milk producer application.

   o Negative water test result within the past two years.

   o Negative cooling water test result within the past six months (if applicable, it must be posted in the milkhouse).

   o Signed dairy plant field representative's inspection report.

   o Social security numbers for individuals or married couples.

   o Farms with nonpressurized storage vessels (NPSV), spring boxes or wells that are not in compliance with NR812 are **not eligible** for a temporary license at this time, unless the application includes a copy of a DNR or a DNR agent's written approval.

3. A temporary license/permit must be issued prior to the first milk pickup on the farm. The license/permit is effective on the day of the first milk shipment.

4. Eau Claire staff will send the temporary licensee information to the assigned dairy sanitarian.

5. The assigned sanitarian will conduct a licensing inspection as soon as possible after normal inspection activity resumes.

6. If normal inspection activity does not resume within 40 days of issuance, the temporary license/permit will be extended by Eau Claire staff.

If you have any questions, please email our Eau Claire staff at datcpecdairy@wisconsin.gov.

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