



Dairy Services Update

July 9, 2020

Information on Resuming Grade A Dairy Plant Inspections

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Dairy Services Section staff resumed modified on-site operations in June. Since then, we have conducted 2,700 farm inspections along with issuing initial plant and personal licenses.

Our return-to-a-new-normal work plan was developed with the goal of providing a consistent and measured approach. Our work plan is based on a combination of FDA Grade A Dairy Inspection Priority guidance; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines; and industry requests for licensing inspections. It will be a few months before we reach a new normal. Each part of the rollout plan will be communicated to industry as it is implemented.

Here is what's currently planned:

- **In July**, inspection staff will resume quarterly Grade A plant inspections, as well as inspection of receiving stations and transfer stations, and water sampling. Dairy staff will continue all activities that started in June, including: routine farm inspections, bulk milk weigher and sampler inspections, pasteurization system checks and farm, plant and lab surveys.

- **In August**, sanitarians will resume Grade B dairy plant inspections, focusing first on FDA contract assigned facilities.

It's important to understand that the health of your employees and DATCP staff is our main priority. Our staff have been issued personal protective equipment, including face coverings and hand sanitizer. When possible, we will maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet; practice appropriate personal hygiene; refrain from bringing laptops into food processing areas; and follow department guidelines for sanitizing our equipment.

DATCP staff will be required to follow all CDC health guidelines and conduct daily health screenings. If a staff member does not pass the screening, their duties will be reassigned to another inspector.

DATCP requests your assistance by sharing this plan with others in industry who may not receive this notice directly. We also ask that industry maintain social distancing when you work with us. Most importantly, we ask for your continued patience as we work through this pandemic.

Should you have any questions regarding our work plan, please contact your appropriate dairy staff or their supervisor directly.



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