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 - NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM UPDATE AND ORGANIC DAIRY INDUSTRY SPEAKERS
 - ON FARM DEMONSTRATIONS AND TOURS
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The WODPA Conference and Trade Show is a rare opportunity to meet with producers and industry partners in an expanded, open-air format at the Chico State University Farm's Organic Dairy. Your

continued, generous support of WODPA provides the chance to network, educate, advocate, and just enjoy reconnecting with our organic dairy community.



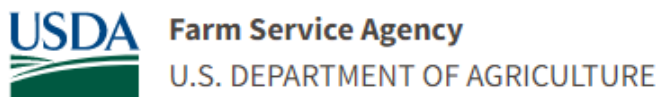
Holding the conference at the Chico State University Farm's Organic Dairy provides enough room to display or demonstrate products, services, and equipment on behalf of your company. Knowing we have a lot to catch-up on, we're dedicating more time for trade show activities and workshops. We have several sponsorship levels to choose from and look forward to customizing sponsorships with our expanded venue.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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USDA EXPANDS ASSISTANCE TO COVER FEED TRANSPORTATION COSTS FOR DROUGHT - IMPACTED RANCHERS



WASHINGTON, September 8, 2021—
In response to the severe drought conditions in the West and Great Plains, the U.S. Department of

Agriculture (USDA) announced today its plans to help cover the cost of transporting feed for livestock that rely on grazing. USDA is updating the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees and Farm-raised Fish Program (ELAP) to immediately cover feed transportation costs for drought impacted ranchers. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will provide more details and tools to help ranchers get ready to apply at their local USDA Service Center later this month at fsa.usda.gov/elap.

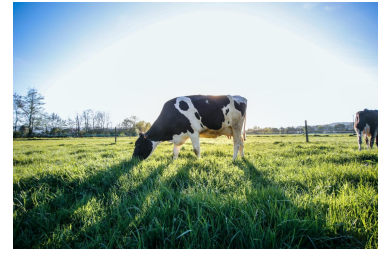
"USDA is currently determining how our disaster assistance programs can best help alleviate the significant economic, physical and emotional strain agriculture producers are experiencing due to drought conditions," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "The duration and intensity of current drought conditions are merciless, and the impacts of this summer's drought will be felt by producers for months to come. Today's announcement is to provide relief as ranchers make fall and winter herd management decisions."

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DANONE (HORIZON ORGANIC) THREATENS THE BACKBONE

OF ORGANIC DAIRY - FAMILY FARMS AND THEIR CONSUMER SUPPORTERS

Article from [Beyond Pesticides](#): Groupe Danone, multinational corporate owner of [Horizon Organic](#), has announced that it is terminating its contracts with 89 small-to-medium-sized organic dairy producers in the Northeast as of August 2022. At that point, all of Horizon's contracted organic dairy farms in Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and northern New York may well have no buyers for their milk and will likely face a very uncertain future. In July 2021, [Beyond Pesticides covered a major contributor to this development](#) — the failure of the NOP (National Organic Program) to protect the integrity of organic dairy, which failure has advantaged large producers over smaller operations (see more on this below). This development in a region with historically strong demand for organic dairy products is of concern on several fronts, not the least of which is the fate of these small producers. Article from



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IS THE FUTURE OF BIG DAIRY REGENERATIVE?



Some of the world's largest dairy companies are betting on regenerative ag to produce the grain they feed their animals. Critics say their practices could preserve the industrial approach— and lead to greenwashing.

Fourth-generation Kansas dairy farmer Ken McCarty is all in on regenerative agriculture. He's planted cover crops, reduced tillage, and fosters biodiversity by creating wetlands and planting trees on the land where he grows the crops that feed his animals.

"We're young and we've really staked our future livelihoods on these regions and their resources sustaining us for the next 20, 50, 100 years," McCarty told Civil Eats. "Taking care of the assets that sustain you simply makes economic sense. And there's a moral obligation . . . regenerative agriculture is the right thing to do."

And yet, unlike many of the regenerative farmers who have been in the spotlight in recent years, McCarty isn't a small- or medium-scale farmer. His is one of two conventional operations that make up the MVP Dairy partnership, a company that owns a total 26,000 cows, including 13,000 milking cows, holds all its cows in barns, and grows grain—predominantly corn—on approximately 9,500 acres in two states.

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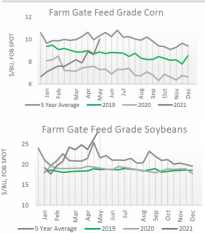
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ORGANIC DAIRY FLUID OVERVIEW

Dutch Organic Milk Pay Price: In the Netherlands, a large processor of organic milk announced the June 2021 pay price for organic milk unchanged from May 2021, is 48.75 EUR/100kg (currently \$59.48 USD). The organic milk producer supplies an average of 550,000 kilograms of milk, containing a fat content of 4.42 percent, protein content of 3.37 percent and a lactose content of 4.53 percent, on an annual basis.

Organic Milk Retail Prices for Selected U.S. Cities: The May 2021 in-store prices of selected operations in thirty U.S. cities reveal that the retail prices of organic whole milk, in half-gallon containers, range from \$3.14 in Houston, TX, to \$5.04 in Pittsburgh, PA. The U.S. single average price, \$4.11, is up two pennies from April 2021. Twenty-five of the selected cities' organic whole milk, in half-gallon containers, showed prices did not change compared to April 2021 retail prices. The largest price increase, over the previous month, for organic whole milk in half-gallon containers occurred in New York, NY, up 27 cents.

Operators of a U.S. creamery that suffered major damages from a fire earlier this spring continue to work through challenges. The dairy operation previously took in 500,000 pounds of milk a day from nearby farms. The operators are working with regional processors. Reports indicate that most of the organic milk is being processed at other plants via conventional handling methods, as some operations do not have the operating capacity to isolate the organic milk while still taking in milk from their own conventional producers.



For more additional information, access the links: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/marketreports/labelof.pdf>

Organic Dairy Market News reports are released bi-weekly. They provide market condition information and analysis. The reports include unbiased data concerning market prices and volumes for organic milk and organic dairy products. This information comes from the USDA.

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