

20 YEARS OF IMPACT

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Up to **17 Partner Organizations** Working Together Since 1998



AWARDS

In **2007** CDQAP received California's highest environmental honor, the Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award (GEELA).



CLASSROOM CONTACTS

12,230 +
Classroom Contacts Throughout California



PRODUCER HOURS

47,800 +
Hours of Instructional Time Logged Since 2000



HELPING DAIRY FARMERS Navigate a River of Change

In 1996 a series of subtropical storms dumped more than **30 inches of rain** onto an already saturated California. The rising waters not only damaged buildings and washed out roads, but also caused agricultural runoff problems. Over the decade following the heavy rains, California agencies ramped up water and air quality regulations, developing the **most stringent dairy environmental regulations in the United States**. The California Dairy Quality Assurance Program (CDQAP) has supported California dairy producers in understanding regulations and requirements, and ongoing environmental improvement, every step of the way.

To help navigate these fast-approaching changes, California dairy leaders formed the California Dairy Quality Assurance Program (CDQAP)

CDQAP'S UNPRECEDENTED PARTNERSHIP

- **DAIRY INDUSTRY** For two decades the California dairy industry has provided base-line funding as well as logistic and outreach support; it is the longest-running, successful dairy continuing education program in the country.
- **REGULATORY AGENCIES** Every state and federal agency having significant regulatory responsibility for dairies has participated, including state and regional water boards, air districts, and the state and federal departments of agriculture, to name just a few.
- **ACADEMICS** The University of California, Davis, Department of Animal Science and School of Veterinary Medicine experts lead education modules, ensuring that the best science-based outreach is available to dairy producers, processors and allied industry.

CDQAP PROVIDES VALUE

- **HELPS DAIRY PRODUCERS** CDQAP translates complex regulations and provides science-based educational outreach to the state's dairy farmers.
- **LEVERAGES EXPERTISE** Partnering with others leverages the financial, personnel, and technical resources of the partner organizations.
- **PROMOTES CONSUMER CONFIDENCE** California dairy producers are continuously improving the environment, while optimizing animal care and food safety. CDQAP helps producers make these advancements and provides assurance that best practices are in place.
- **IMPROVES PERFORMANCE** CDQAP certified dairies better understand environmental requirements and best management practice options and perform better in regulatory compliance inspections.
- **SAVES PRODUCER RESOURCES** CDQAP certified dairies receive a 50% discount in annual permit fees, allowing certified producers to invest elsewhere in their operations.



Partners in the CDQAP include: California Dairy Campaign, California Dairy Research Foundation, California Department of Fish and Game, California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Environmental Protection Agency, California Farm Bureau Federation, California Milk Advisory Board, California Resources Agency, Milk Producers Council, State Water Resources Control Board, Sustainable Conservation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, University of California, USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA Farm Services Agency, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Western United Dairymen.

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