



CDQAP Quality Assurance Update - September 2018

Join us in Sacramento for the California Dairy Sustainability Summit

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The first-ever California Dairy Sustainability Summit will take place November 27-28, 2018 at the Sacramento Convention Center. The event will demonstrate to state leaders, regulatory officials, and other key stakeholders that California's dairy farmers lead the world in sustainable farming practices. By gathering in Sacramento, we can take credit for what we have achieved to date, while identifying and developing workable, cost-effective approaches to meet ongoing challenges.




The summit will support efforts to reduce on-farm costs, further improve efficiency, and ensure economic and environmental sustainability. Attendees will learn about...

- The latest in automation, robotics, and genetics, and how innovation can improve your bottom line
- Evolving water supply issues in California and how to better manage your water resource needs
- The latest in energy efficiency, solar, and renewable opportunities, and the next generation of dairy digesters
- Regional, state, and federal incentive programs to bring cost-effective environmental solutions to your farm
- Dairy's role in sustaining people and the planet, while generating new revenue streams to sustain producers
- Changing demands in the dairy value chain: buyers, brands, retailers, and restaurants. What are they asking about and looking for in the products they buy?
- Strategies to help sustain your family farm for future generations

Early bird registration is \$50 for dairy owners and employees, now through October 19. To register and see the growing list of speakers, sponsors, and exhibitors, visit CADairySummit.com.

Focusing on Farm & Processor Security CDQAP Partners with Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement

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Farm security priorities can vary greatly. Copper wire or diesel theft may frustrate some producers, while roadside dumping or trespassing may be issues for others. Shifts in rural crime patterns make these issues even more difficult to manage. When salvage metal prices are down for instance, vehicle battery theft may increase. To provide the dairy industry with practical, low-cost measures to protect property and products, CDQAP is partnering with federal and local law enforcement and industry experts.

To assist processors in meeting FDA's new Food Defense regulations, CDQAP partnered with the FBI and Homeland Security to deliver a workshop on June 27. Participants from the industry and state agencies learned about threats ranging from international terrorists to domestic activists.

In August, CDQAP worked with CMAB to deliver a series of Farm Security workshops for dairy producers throughout the state. The FBI and the national Animal Agriculture Alliance provided briefings on key issues and threats. Local sheriff's detectives described inexpensive and effective ways to minimize rural crime.



Becoming part of your neighborhood Farm Watch gets you access to alerts about crime trends and suspicious people. Your local sheriff's office can also assign your farm a free, nationally-recognized Owner

Applied Number, which not only discourages theft, but greatly improves the chance that stolen equipment will be returned. Farmers can even partner with their Sheriff to set up "sting" operations with GPS-tagged bait equipment to break up theft rings. Game cameras and signage can be set up at hotspots to discourage illegal dumping.

For producers interested in learning more, all information presented at the workshops has been summarized on a CDQAP [farm security webpage](#).

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www.cdrf.org/2018/09/10/cdqap-ruminations-preventing-rural-crime-on-your-dairy