2019 DAIRY DIGESTER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Q&A)
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1. Q. Do questions 33, 34 and 35 in the application relate to the dairy farmer, or can it include any proposed holding company, multiple family member-owners, an owner trust, manager or any member of dairy farm ownership, to qualify for benefits to the socially disadvantaged category?

    A. Questions 33, 34 and 35 relate specifically to the dairy farmer, i.e., the primary dairy operator who will be listed on the grant agreement with CDFA and will be responsible for grant activities, should the project be selected for award.

2. Q. In the FAAST Questionnaire, does the answer to question #33 affect the scoring of the application? If the applicant does not fit into a socially disadvantaged group, can this question be left as blank?

    A. As consistent with the Farmer Equity Act of 2017, Socially Disadvantaged Farmers or Ranchers will be prioritized for funding. In case an applicant does not fit into a socially disadvantaged group as indicated in the categories in the drop-down menu, this question should be left as blank.

3. Q. If the dairy farm is owned 50/50 by husband and wife, which response must an applicant select to the gender question (i.e., #35) for the project to qualify for benefits to Socially Disadvantaged farmers and ranchers?

    A. The gender of the dairy operator/owner who will be the primary applicant and person responsible for implementing the grant project activities and reporting should be included.

4. Q. In the FAAST Questionnaire, how the question #27 "is the project located within boundaries of a low-income household" differs from question #24 "is the project located within the boundaries of a low-income community census tract"?

    A. The definitions for "low-income household" and "low-income community census tract" are provided in Assembly Bill 1550 and also summarized on the CARB Priority Populations Investments webpage. This webpage lists two tools: (i) the Low-income Households tool to identify low-income households, and (ii) the Priority Population Maps tool to identify low-income community census tracts.