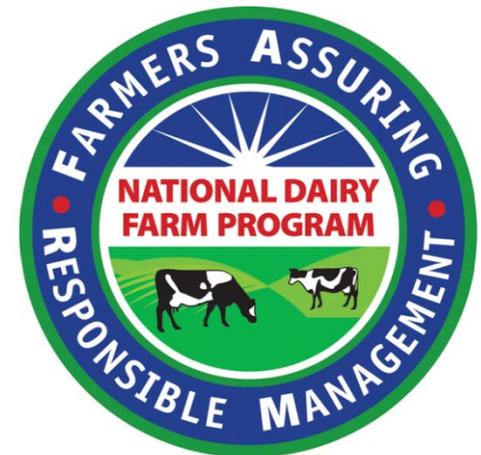


# Implementing a National Dairy Welfare Program in California



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# Dairying has changed since 1940s

- Farms: >4 M to 65,000
- Cows: 25 M to 9 M
- Milk: 53 B kg - 84 B kg
- 21% of the animals,  
23% of feedstuffs,  
35% of the water,  
10% of the land to  
produce gallon of milk.
- carbon footprint only  
37% (/kg milk)
- Measurable decrease in  
many animal diseases.

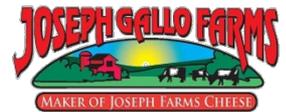


# Still family based



# Who is Dairy Cares?

- California Dairies Inc.
- Dairy Farmers of America, Western Area Council
- Land O' Lakes Inc.
- Hilmar Cheese Company
- Joseph Gallo Farms
- Kraft Foods
- HP Hood LLC
- Producers Bar 20 Dairy
- Western United Dairymen
- Milk Producers Council
- California Dairy Campaign
- California Farm Bureau Federation
- Alliance of Western Milk Producers
- Dairy Institute of California
- Ruan Transport Corporation
- Bank of the West
- Conestoga-Rovers & Associates



California Dairy Campaign  
"Dairymen Working For Dairymen"



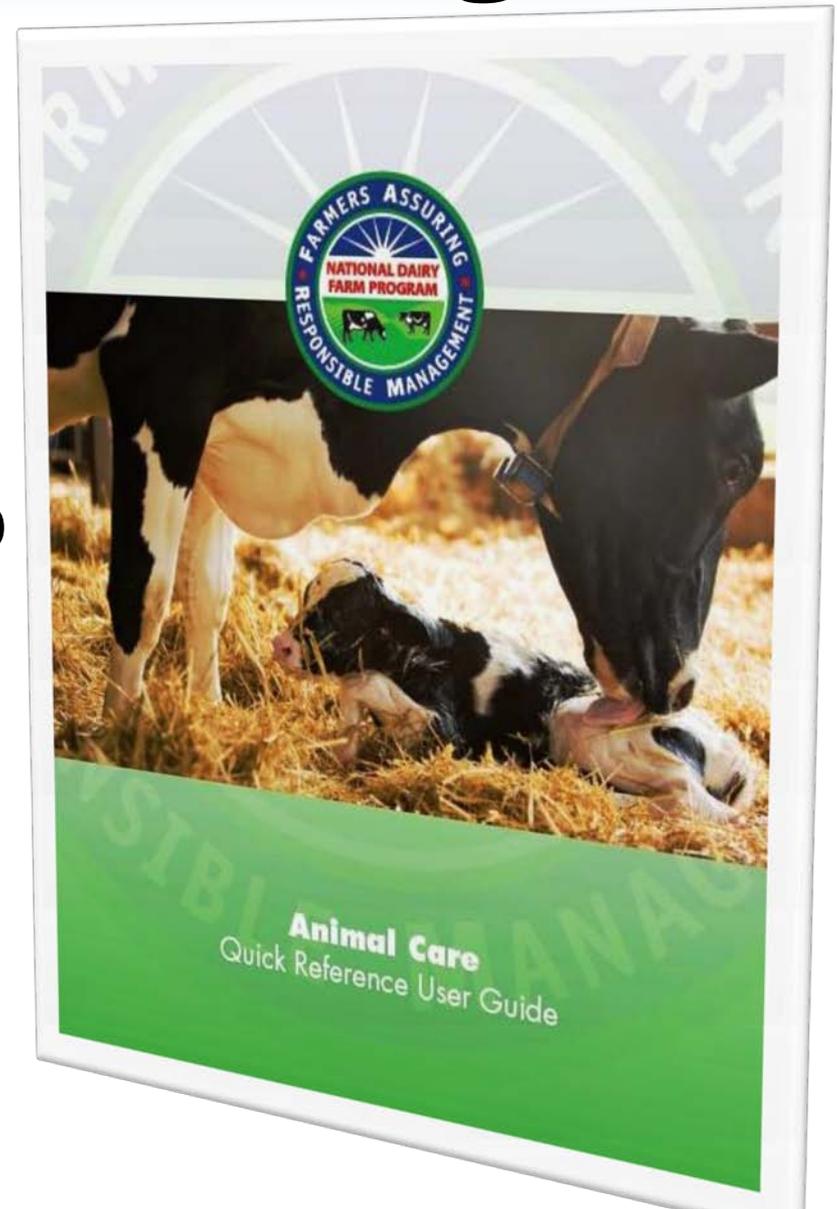
# Additional Dairy Cares affiliates

- Ex officio board members share information and serve as advisors:
  - California Department of Food and Agriculture
  - California Milk Advisory Board
  - California Dairy Research Foundation
  - California Dairy Quality Assurance Program



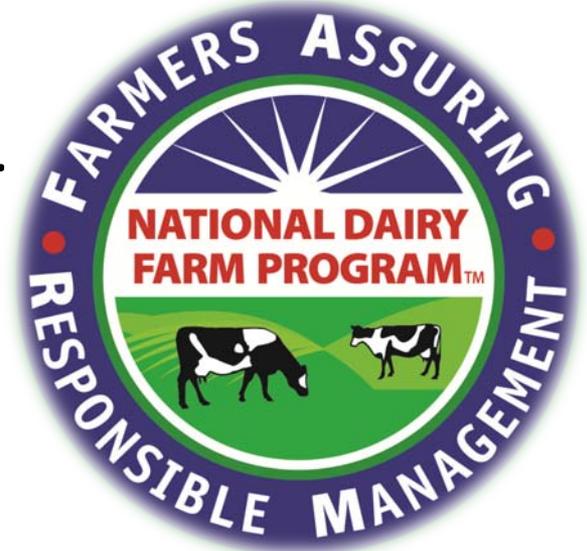
# National Dairy FARM Program

- Actions, not words
- Systematic method to demonstrate proper animal care to customers and consumers
- Credible verification of how we care for animals



# Demonstrating care

- National Dairy FARM Program:  
*Farmers Assuring Responsible Management*
  - ➔ Dairy cattle care best practices for nutrition, housing, handling, health, and more, developed by dairy farmers, veterinarians, & animal care experts.
  - ➔ On-farm evaluation to assess compliance with best practices.
  - ➔ Independent, third-party program verification



# Dairy Evaluations

**“Document based” with a 72 item checklist....**



# Dairy Evaluations proceed?

On-site facility observations (“Performance based”) including cow scoring.



# Significant progress to date

- Initial on-farm evaluations began July 2010
- One year later, 679 dairy farms have been evaluated
- Third-party program verifications scheduled to begin in 2-3 months

# Dairy farmer outreach & education

**GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW DAIRY FARM PROGRAM? WE'VE GOT ANSWERS!**



## Workshops to provide resources, training for participation in Dairy FARM Program

Dairy Cares cooperative and processor members, including California Dairies Inc., Land O'Lakes, Dairy Farmers of America, and Hilmar Cheese Company, recently announced they will be participating in a new animal care and well-being initiative, the National Dairy FARM Program: Farmers Assuring Responsible Management.

To help producers successfully prepare for Dairy FARM, the California Dairy Quality Assurance Program is offering a series of two free educational workshops at various locations throughout the state.

Workshops will provide producers important information about Dairy FARM — how it works, steps to best prepare for an on-farm evaluation,

### WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

#### WORKSHOP #1:

Introduction to Dairy FARM Program

##### Fresno County

Wednesday, April 21, 1 - 4 p.m.

Riverdale Memorial Hall, 3085 W. Mt. Whitney, Riverdale

##### Tulare County

Thursday, April 22, 9 a.m. - Noon

Tulare County Ag Center, 4437 Laspina Street, Tulare

##### Glenn County

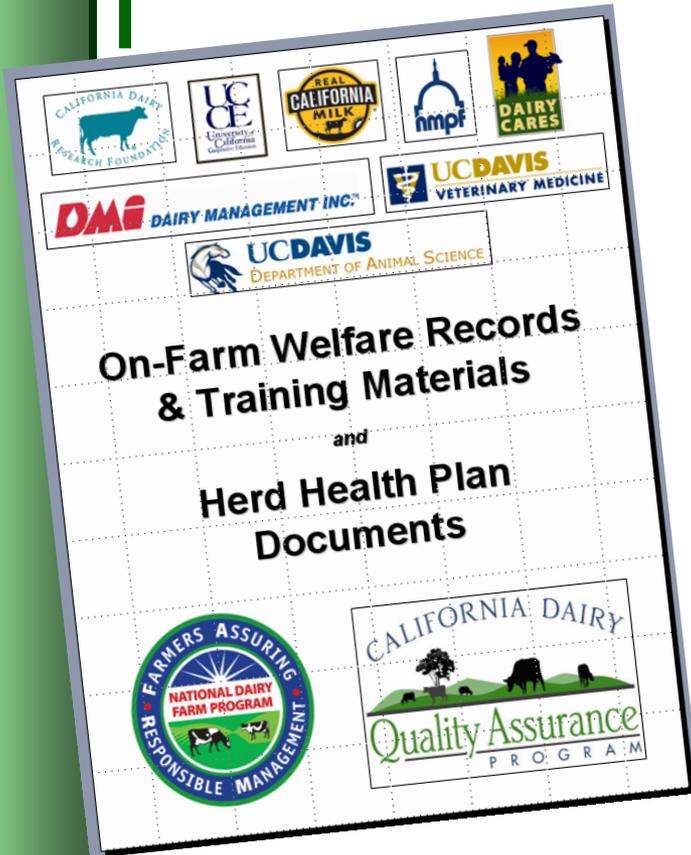
Monday, April 26, 9 a.m. - Noon

26 workshops in nine different counties to more than 800 producers



**Workshop #2 , Stanislaus Ag Center May 10, 2010**

# What's in my binder?



**All the binder materials are available at:**

**[www.cdqa.org](http://www.cdqa.org)**

- Tab 1----- FARM guide & checklists
- Tab 2----- Laws related to welfare
- Tab 3----- Vets, drugs & vaccines
- Tab 4----- Employee training records
- Tab 5----- Feed & water issues
- Tab 6----- Emergency planning
- Tab 7----- Calf care
- Tab 8----- Animal handling
- Tab 9----- Non-ambulatory cow care
- Tab 10----- Euthanasia
- Tab 11---- Locomotion & lameness
- Tab 12---- Hock scoring
- Tab 13---- Body Condition Scoring
- Tab 14---- Hygiene Scoring
- Tab 15---- Misc. Records & Documents

**Thanks for listening!**



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