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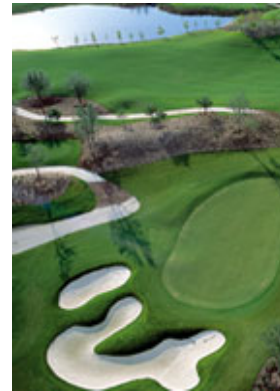
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FDPA 64TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! JULY 27 – 31, 2006 SAVE THESE DATES!



THE LAPLAYA BEACH & GOLF RESORT

Imagine stepping onto your private oceanfront verandah to be greeted by cloudless skies, sparkling turquoise waters and sugar-white beaches stretching to infinity. Come to the FDPA Annual Convention, July 27-31, 2006 and you will be a guest of LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort, this image of paradise a daily reality. One of Naples' finest hotels, LaPlaya is situated right on the Gulf of Mexico and next to picturesque Vanderbilt Bay, offers guests a rare chance to experience South Florida's subtropical beauty from front-row seats. Combining work and vacation can't be all bad. Come to relax and hear some wonderful speakers that you can relate into your business future. Bring your family to meet your co-workers, business partners, and friends. Many activities and events are scheduled throughout the convention for everyone to enjoy. The FDPA Office will be mailing convention materials in the coming month. Watch for convention registration materials, they will be sent by both e-mail and snail mail.



The Florida Dairy Products Association would like to welcome Dale McClellan of M & B Products, Inc., Tampa, Florida as a new member to our organization. M & B Products, Inc. produces juice, dairy products, packaged water and frozen juice bars. Mr. McClellan mentioned they have two dairy farms.

FPDA WEBSITE

At the last meeting, the FDPA Board gave approval to develop a website for the association. The office has purchased the software, a domain name and a hosting site, "atlantic.net". We are excited about developing this website and would like to hear your suggestions on what you would like to see implemented. The Staff would like to thank Dr. Bob Degner for his willingness to help us. Be on the look out for our FDPA Website: FDPA.NET, coming soon.

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RAW MILK

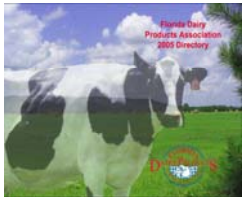
Legislation allowing for the sale of raw milk for human consumption was introduced by Representative Dwight Stansel, (D) Live Oak, in the 2006 Florida Legislature. The legislation would have allowed farmers and processors to package and sell unpasteurized milk for human consumption. The legislation outlined the sanitary requirements for “retail” sale; including, sampling, testing, cow health requirements, inspection and packaging. It required that all testing be done by a private laboratory. However, the legislation exempted farms that produced less than 50 gallons per week. It further provided that a consumer made sick by consumption of raw milk could not bring legal action against the producer-packager. Similar legislation was introduced in the Senate but was withdrawn. HB 1215 received four committee assignments and opponents have been assured that it will never get out of committee. FDPA has opposed this legislation along with Southeast Milk, Dairy Farmers Inc, Florida Farm Bureau, and Division of Dairy Industry.

MILK CASE DEPOSITS

A discussion regarding the cost of lost (non-returned) milk cases took place at the December 2006 Board of Directors Meeting. Dr. Robert Degner, Attorney George Clapham and President Boosinger were asked to survey other states to determine if there might be existing legislation that required deposits on milk cases when delivered. FDPA contacted 27 states about case deposit legislation. Only New York had a law requiring case deposits. New York law required:

- 1) Name of case owner on case.
- 2) A deposit by wholesaler or retailer receiving the case (\$0.50 in New York City, \$2.00 upstate New York).
- 3) That the milk case deliverer access or collect the deposit (deliveries minus returns = assessment).
- 4) That proper records be maintained.

The New York case deposit is enforced by New York Division of Milk Control which is a “pricing” agency similar to a State Milk Commission.



Once again it is time to update your representative(s) information in our 2006 FDPA Directory. We have tried to contact you by e-mail and fax. If we do not hear from you by April 1, we will continue

using the same information that is listed in the 2005 FDPA Directory. If you have any questions, please call Wanda at 850-878-3447.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

SMARTMARKETING 2006 MARCH 15-16, 2006 LAS VEGAS, NV	FDPA BOARD MEETING APRIL 12, 2006 ORLANDO, FL
CITRUS ENGINEERING CONFERENCE MARCH 23, 2006 LAKE ALFRED, FL	PLANT OPERATIONS CONFERENCE. APRIL 25-26, 2006 ST. LOUIS, MO
IDFA'S MILK PROCUREMENT WS. MARCH 28-29, 2006 ROSEMONT, IL	FDPA ANNUAL CONVENTION JULY 27-31, 2006 NAPLES, FL

*Dear Florida Dairy Products Association
Your contribution to Community
Hospital in Terry's memory was greatly
appreciated.
Thank you for your kindness and
friendship, Terry would have been
so honored.
Sincerely,
Dorcas and family.*