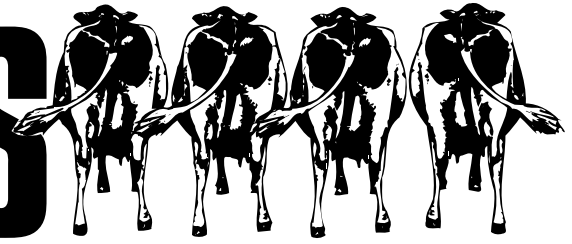


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## Upcoming Events

Due to the number of spring events, please see page 2 for a complete list of Upcoming Events!



## Glickman Announces Milk Marketing Order Reforms

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman today announced a major overhaul of the 60-year-old federal milk marketing order program that will significantly streamline and improve the nation's wholesale milk pricing system.

"These reforms will help make sure that America's dairy farmers receive a fair price and that American consumers continue to enjoy an abundant, affordable supply of milk," said Glickman "Our changes will also simplify the wholesale milk pricing system, making it more market-oriented and more equitable."

The milk marketing order program ensures the fair marketing and pricing of milk. It is not a dairy support program. The current dairy support program expires on December 31, 1999, unless Congress chooses to extend it.

Milk marketing orders classify milk by use, set minimum prices that handlers must pay for each class of milk, and provide for paying average prices to all dairy farmers who supply a particular region.

Though the program does not set retail prices, these reforms are expected to reduce the average price of drinking milk by about two cents per gallon.

The reforms announced today include—

- Consolidating the current 31 federal milk marketing orders into 11.
- Replacing the basic formula price (BFP), which is currently used to establish minimum prices for milk used in nearly all dairy products, with a Class III price for cheese and a Class IV price for butter and dry milk products. These new prices will be determined monthly and will be the same in all markets. This change better reflects the value of milk components (protein, butterfat, nonfat solids) used in manufactured dairy products.
- Setting monthly prices for drinking milk (Class I) by using either the Class III or IV price (whichever is higher) plus a differential that varies by location.
- Adopting a national system of class I prices that is based, in part, on market distribution costs.
- Determining monthly prices for milk used for soft products (Class II), such as yogurt and ice cream, by adding 70 cents to the Class IV price.
- Standardizing and consolidating certain details in the orders to provide consistent definitions of key terms and reporting requirements.

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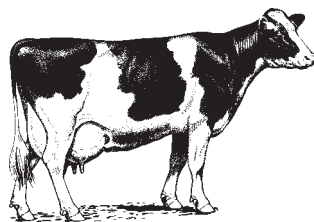
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	Quartiles				Your Herd
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<b>Ayrshire</b>					
Rolling Herd Average	17,376	15,469	14,571	11,675.5	
Summit Milk Yield 1st	56.5	53.0	52.5	42.7	
Summit Milk Yield 2nd	35.5	60.0	63.5	48.0	
Summit Milk Yield 3rd	76.0	67.0	66.5	56.3	
Summit Milk Yield Avg.	67.5	61.5	60.5	50.7	
Income/Feed Cost	1,522	1,469	1,256	880	
SCC Average	385	289	350	223	
Days to 1st Service	81	67	68	104	
Days Open	153	146	113	191	
Projected Calving Interval	14.3	14.0	12.9	15.5	
<b>Brown Swiss</b>					
Rolling Herd Average	19,901	16,092	14,508	13,535	
Summit Milk Yield 1st	62.2	49.0	48.4	48.2	
Summit Milk Yield 2nd	63.2	67.8	57.8	59.6	
Summit Milk Yield 3rd	84.4	67.2	68.0	64.8	
Summit Milk Yield Avg.	75.0	61.8	60.0	58.2	
Income/Feed Cost	1,896	1,529	1,487	1,233	
SCC Average	297	284	231	369	
Days to 1st Service	93	56	79	94	
Days Open	177	162	133	189	
Projected Calving Interval	15.0	14.6	13.6	15.4	
<b>Holstein</b>					
Rolling Herd Average	22,318	19,530	17,466	14,400	
Summit Milk Yield 1st	70.9	63.9	58.5	49.1	
Summit Milk Yield 2nd	90.9	80.6	71.3	60.0	
Summit Milk Yield 3rd	95.6	85.0	77.5	66.3	
Summit Milk Yield Avg.	84.4	76.3	69.4	59.7	
Income/Feed Cost	2,142	1,793	1,555	1,238	
SCC Average	329	383	407	516	
Days to 1st Service	88	85.7	92	80	
Days Open	159	164	168	191	
Projected Calving Interval	14.4	14.6	14.7	15.5	
<b>Jersey</b>					
Rolling Herd Average	16,812	14,202	12,379	9,888	
Summit Milk Yield 1st	44.3	45.8	44.3	34.1	
Summit Milk Yield 2nd	63.1	55.8	47.0	35.3	
Summit Milk Yield 3rd	68.9	62.8	56.5	45.7	
Summit Milk Yield Avg.	63.1	55.1	52.1	41.2	
Income/Feed Cost	1,740	1,658	1,294	958	
SCC Average	340	284	306	439	
Days to 1st Service	60	85	75	83	
Days Open	139	129	147	151	
Projected Calving Interval	13.8	13.4	14.0	14.2	
<b>Guernseys</b>					
Rolling Herd Average	15,474	14,411	13,541	11,164	
Summit Milk Yield 1st	53.0	49.0	52.0	47.0	
Summit Milk Yield 2nd	62.0	64.0	0.0	46.0	
Summit Milk Yield 3rd	63.0	68.0	0.0	56.0	
Summit Milk Yield Avg.	59.0	60.0	52.0	50.0	
Income/Feed Cost	1,926	1,447	935	1,261	
SCC Average	168	279	763	251	
Days to 1st Service	84	103	0	83	
Days Open	178	197	421	185	
Projected Calving Interval	15.1	15.7	23.1	15.3	



The newly consolidated orders must be approved by either two-thirds of producers in a marketing area or by producers who supply two-thirds of the milk in a marketing area. USDA will conduct producer referendums later this year. If approved by referendum, the changes will take effect on October 1, 1999.

The Secretary's final decision will appear in the Federal Register on April 2, 1999. The decision and additional background information can be accessed on the web at [www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/reform](http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/reform).

## Upcoming Events

April 24, 1999—7:30am  
FFA Career Development Events:  
Dairy Judging Contest,  
OSU Dairy Unit

Oklahoma 4-H State  
Qualifying Dairy Cattle  
Judging Contest  
OSU Dairy Unit

May 4, 1999—10am—3pm  
H.O.A. DHIA PCDART  
Training for Producers,  
OSU Animal Science Arena  
Contact: Bryan Stout 1-800-888-0841

May 13, 1999—10am—3pm  
Southwest Dairy Field Day,  
Alan Ritchey, Inc. Dairy,  
Yuba, OK  
Contact: Dan Waldner 405-744-6058

May 26, 1999—10am  
Dairymen of Oklahoma  
Golf Tournament, Fire Lake GC, Shawnee, OK |  
Contact: Dan Kinnett 918-484-2393  
Jennifer Starkey 405-424-4519

June 3, 1999  
4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl,  
OK 4-H State Roundup,  
OSU Campus  
Contact: Dan Waldner 405-744-6058

June 29, 1999—9:00am  
Grady Co. Dairy Cattle Judging Clinic & Milking  
Shorthorn Field Day  
Grady Co. Fairgrounds, Chickasha, OK

July 1, 1999—9:00am  
Brown Swiss/Jersey Field Day,  
Evans Ag. Center, Perkins, OK

July 6, 1999—9:00am  
Holstein Field Day,  
JSJRW Holsteins, Lawton OK

July 8, 1999—9:00am  
Ayrshire/Guernsey Field Day,  
Mayes Co. Fairgrounds, Pryor, OK

July 29—31  
Sooner State Dairy Show,  
Payne Co. Fairgrounds,  
Stillwater, OK

# SOUTHWEST DAIRY FIELD DAY

May 13, 1999 ♦ Alan Ritchey, Inc. Dairy ♦ Yuba, OK

Presented by: Oklahoma State University, Cooperative Extension Service  
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- 9:30 am Registration  
10:00 Informal Discussion Groups:
- Milking Equipment, Germania Dairy Equipment
  - DHIA & Production Information Management  
Dr. Mike Tomaszewski
  - Biosecurity & Culling  
Dr. John Kirkpatrick  
Dr. Terry Lehenbauer
  - Calf Rearing (Birth to Weaning), Aaron Beshires
  - Risk Management  
Dr. Ken Stokes
  - Waste Management  
Dr. Doug Hamilton  
Dr. Saqib Mukhtar  
OK Department of Agriculture  
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission
  - Reproductive Management  
Dr. Ellen Jordan
  - Freestall Management & Cow Comfort  
Dr. Sandra Stokes
  - Nutrition Management  
Dr. Dan Waldner  
Dr. Kent Lanham
  - Parlor Management & Cow Flow  
Dr. John Smith
- 11:00 • Forage Management & Corn Silage Test Plot Tour  
David Allison

- 11:30 Lunch (Free)  
12:00 Welcome  
1:00 Discussion groups continue  
2:00 • Forage Management & Corn Silage Test Plot Tour  
David Allison  
3:00 Adjourn

## Area Hotels

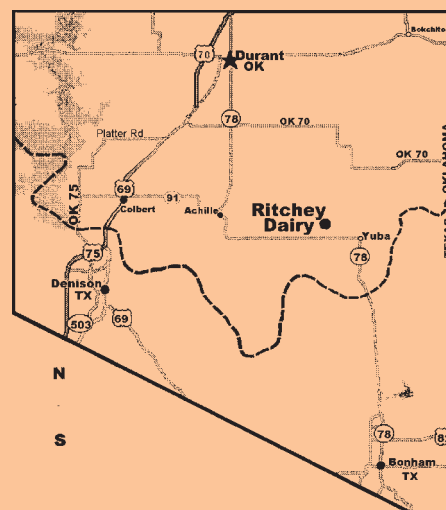
**Durant, OK (21 miles):**  
Best Western (580) 924-7676  
Budget Inn (580) 924-0411  
Comfort Inn (580) 924-8881  
Holiday Inn (580) 924-5432

**Denison, TX (22 miles):**  
Holiday Inn (903) 464-0340  
Motel 6 (903) 465-4446  
Ramada Inn (903) 465-6800

**Bonham, TX (22 miles):**  
Days Inn (903) 583-3121  
Economy Inn (903) 583-2154  
Ranch Motel (903) 583-2137

## Alan Ritchey, Inc. Dairy

The Alan Ritchey, Inc. Dairy is located in southern Bryan County near Yuba, OK, approximately 5 miles north of the Red River. (See map above). The facility is home to nearly 3,500 lactating cows housed in eight freestall barns. Cows are milked in twin double-25 rapid exit herring-bone parlors three times per day. All heifer calves are raised on site, while growing heifers and dry cows are maintained on approximately 3,500 acres of area pasture. All forages (hay and silage) for the dairy are raised on approximately 4,500 acres of cropland. Solid and liquid waste is used extensively as part of an intensive soil fertility program. Additional facilities, on and off site, include a hospital parlor and treatment barn, maternity barn (under construction), bunker silos, commodity barn and feed mixing facilities.



## Hay Prices—Oklahoma

	Location	Quality	Price (\$/ton)
Alfalfa	Central/Western, OK	Premium	95-120
Alfalfa	Central/Western, OK	Good	85-100
Alfalfa	Panhandle, OK	Premium	95-110
Alfalfa	Panhandle, OK	Good	85-95

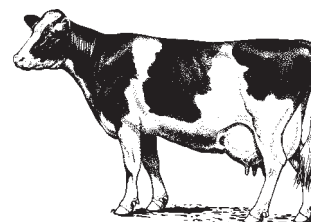
Source: Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, April 1, 1999

## Hay Prices\*—Kansas

	Location	Quality	Price (\$/ton)
Alfalfa	Southwestern Kansas	Premium	75
Alfalfa	Southwestern Kansas	Good	65-75
Alfalfa	South Central Kansas	Premium	75-95
Alfalfa	South Central Kansas	Good	55-70
Alfalfa	Southeastern Kansas	Premium	85-100
Alfalfa	Southeastern Kansas	Good	75-85
Alfalfa	Northwestern Kansas	Premium	80-90
Alfalfa	Northwestern Kansas	Good	70-80
Alfalfa	North Central Kansas	Premium	85-95
Alfalfa	North Central Kansas	Good	70-80

Source: USDA Weekly Hay Report, Week ending April 2, 1999

\*Premium Hay RFV = 170-200  
Good Hay RFV = 150-170



## Feed Stuffs Prices

	Location	Price (\$/ton)
Cotton Seed Meal	Kansas City	135-142
Whole Cottonseed	Memphis	130
Meat and Bone Meal	Central United States	142
Blood Meal	Central United States	300-310
Corn Hominy	Kansas City	70-73
Corn Gluten Feed	Kansas City	60-64
Corn Gluten Meal 60%	Kansas City	195-205
Distillers Dried Grain	Central Illinois	70-75
Wheat Middlings	Kansas City	51-53

Source: USDA Weekly Feed Stuffs Report, Week ending March 31, 1999

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