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Dairy Crisis Discussion in CNY on September 30, 2009

It isn't any news that the dairy crisis is affecting many farm sectors. In the month of August the price per hundredweight was \$11.80; up \$0.10 from July and down \$7.30 from last year's price according to the NYS office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistic Service. These numbers don't add up when you have a cost of production running between \$16.50 - \$23.00 / hundredweight; resulting in suppliers not getting paid and further loss of farm owner equity. On September 2, 2009 at the NYS Fair Dairy Barn, Senator Charles Schumer encouraged a banding together of all farmers to work together to rally for support for direct payments to dairy farmers through funds that could be made available through the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). It is good to see that there is legislative support and movement of this issue, but what other useful solutions are being entertained for a medium and long term approach?

Join the discussion on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Community Center, 2508 US Route 11, Lafayette, NY with Dr. Andrew Novakovic, Professor of Agricultural Economics and Management, Cornell University and Dr. Mark Stephenson, expert in Cornell Program on Dairy Markets and Policy, for a presentation and discussion of the current situation, global impacts, local impacts, and potential solutions to this difficult economic time. Please tell your neighbor and bring a car load. By having good attendance more information can be shared to make an impact on your business and the industry. It all starts with just a few voices. Please courtesy RSVP and to request need for accommodations by September 30, 2009 by 3:00 p.m. to Lindsey Gerstenslager 315.424.9485 ext 229 or lmg277@cornell.edu

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