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Due to COVID-19, the DNR and DATCP developed the following fact sheet with input from the state's dairy industry. The intent is to help dairy producers navigate the last-resort option of emergency milk disposal, should they find themselves in that position.

Please share the following information with permitted CAFOs and non-permitted farms that require assistance. If farms have additional questions, ask them to contact Chris Clayton at 608-333-9265 or christopherr.clayton@wisconsin.gov.

Also, please communicate with counties if you become aware of farms that need to dispose of milk in manure storage structures or through land applications, and communicate to counties any NMP substantial revisions issued to CAFOs or suspensions of the NR 151.07(3) requirement for nonpermitted farms.

Instruction to Farmers

- Preferred options for *non-permitted farms*, listed from highest to least preferred:
 - Dispose of milk in the farm's manure storage structure and land apply the contents later according to the farm's NMP. The farm does not need our permission.
 - If there is no room in the farm's manure storage, land apply milk following the farm's NMP. The farm does not need our permission.
 - If the farm needs assistance with its NMP (e.g. adding fields) or has questions, have them contact the nutrient management staff at DATCP directly:
 - Sue Porter 608-224-4605
 - Ryan Erisman 608-224-4604
 - If the farm cannot dispose of milk in manure storage or comply with an NMP to land apply milk in an emergency situation, then the DNR will suspend the requirement for a NMP under NR 151.07(3):
 - Ask the farm to follow best practices when land applying to minimize environmental risks (see fact sheet)
 - Remind the farm that land applications of milk cannot result in a discharge to waters of the state
 - Ask what fields will receive land applications of milk to document in case we receive call or complaints from the public (the farm is not required to share this information with the Department)
- Preferred options for *CAFOs*, listed from highest to least preferred:
 - Dispose of milk in the farm's manure storage structure and land apply the contents later according to the farm's NMP. The farm does not need our permission.
 - If there is no room in the farm's manure storage, land apply milk following the farm's NMP. The farm does not need our permission.
 - If the farm needs to add fields to its NMP to land apply milk in an emergency situation, they should contact their CAFO Specialist or CAFO Nutrient Management staff directly to request a substantial revision of their NMP. Only in this emergency situation will the DNR reduce the public notice period to 1 day.
 - Aaron O'Rourke 715-214-5503 aaron.orourke@wisconsin.gov

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Please review the attached fact sheet. Also, a notice with a link to regional DNR staff contacts and the fact sheet will be posted on the CAFO and NPS webpages shortly.