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Washington dairy recalls raw goat's milk

Bacteria detected in sample

By DON JENKINS
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A Monroe, Wash., dairy has voluntarily recalled raw goat's milk after the state Department of Agriculture detected E. coli bacteria in a sample.

St. John Creamery owner Marcia St. John said Friday

that she contacted retail outlets on June 9 when the department told her a sample might be contaminated. The department confirmed the presence of bacteria June 13.

"I just pulled everything," she said.

St. John estimated the recall will affect about 60 half-gallon bottles and 70 pints sold at retail outlets in Western Washington and directly to customers. The dairy produces about 200 half-gal-

lon containers and 160 pints in a week, she said.

The recalled milk has best-buy dates from June 17 through June 21. No illnesses have been reported.

The source of the bacteria has not been identified, St. John said.

She said she did not know when she will resume deliveries. She said she expected to be ready for the agriculture department to collect more samples and inspect the dairy

by the weekend. The department has not yet scheduled an inspection, an agency spokesman said Friday.

St. John said she has operated the dairy since 2007. She also voluntarily recalled milk in 2013, she said.

The agriculture department routinely tests samples from raw milk dairies.

St. John consumers with questions can call the dairy during business hours at (206) 909-5055.

Tariffs take toll on dairy prices

By LEE MIELKE
For the Capital Press

The cash dairy markets are weakening as fallout from last week's announced retaliatory tariffs from Mexico, Canada and China begins to hit. The CME Cheddar blocks closed Friday at \$1.5950 per pound, down 4 cents on the week and 2 cents below a year ago. The barrels finished at \$1.45, down 11 1/2-cents on the week but 7 cents above a year ago.

The blocks were unchanged Monday, as traders sorted out the latest retaliatory tariffs, this time from China, which includes most dairy products from the U.S.

Tuesday's Global Dairy Trade auction added to the angst. Traders took the blocks down 2 3/4-cents, to \$1.5675, the lowest CME price since April 5, 2017. The barrels lost a nickel and a half Monday and plunged 7 cents Tuesday, to \$1.3250, the lowest price since Feb. 1, 2018, and an unsustainable 24 1/4-cents below the blocks.

Midwestern process cheesemakers report that demand is up one week and down the next, according to Dairy Market News, and the grilling season has done little to quell irregular buying.

Western cheese output remains steady but some plants are planning to slow output in the coming weeks. Inventories are in balance with current needs but a few sellers are starting to feel the

Dairy Markets
Lee Mielke



impact of the new tariff regulation on sales.

Cash butter closed Friday at \$2.3525 per pound, down 3 3/4-cents, and 20 3/4-cents below a year ago.

The butter was down 3 cents Monday and gave up 1 1/4-cents Tuesday, slipping to \$2.31, the lowest since April 19, 2018.

DMN says some butter producers who recently relayed tightness in cream in their area are suggesting that supplies have loosened. Butter demand is steady and sales of both salted and unsalted butter are "meeting or above expectations" but "the market tone is a little cloudy."

Western butter inventories are a little higher than typical for this time of year.

Cash Grade A nonfat dry milk closed Friday at 78 3/4-cents per pound, down 1 3/4-cents on the week and 12 1/4-cents below a year ago.

The spot powder dropped 2 3/4-cents Monday and was down three-quarter cents Tuesday, to 75 1/4-cents per pound.

Dry whey hit a record high 41 3/4-cents per pound last Monday but saw a Friday close at 41 cents, a quarter-cent lower on the week and ended six consecutive weeks of gain.

Commission spreads money for clean manure projects

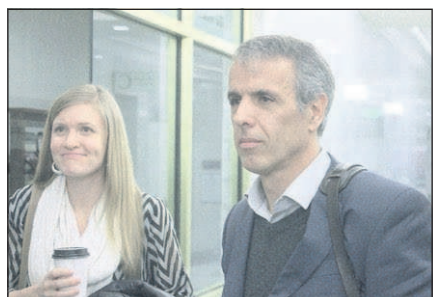
Janicki receives largest grant

By DON JENKINS
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Five projects to purify manure at dairies have received public funding, including one that involves engineer Peter Janicki, who told state lawmakers last year that removing all contaminants from livestock waste was possible and could even be profitable.

Janicki's company, Janicki Bioenergy in Sedro-Woolley, and its tribal and public-sector partners will receive \$1.75 million of the \$3.88 million awarded by the Washington State Conservation Commission. Janicki, according to the proposal, will install a plant to turn manure from a 2,000-cow dairy in Snohomish County into organic fertilizer, liquid ammonia and water clean enough for cattle to drink.

Stanley Janicki, vice president for business development and the founder's son, said Tuesday he expected the ma-



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Janicki Bioenergy CEO Peter Janicki and the company's president, Sara VanTassel. The company will build a plant to turn manure from a 2,000-cow dairy in Snohomish County into organic fertilizer, liquid ammonia and water clean enough for cattle to drink.

nure-treatment equipment to be operating by next summer at Natural Milk dairy, owned by Jeremy Visser.

"He's going to become a zero-discharge dairy," Stanley Janicki said. "If he can be a zero-discharge dairy, environmental concerns disappear."

Peter Janicki's presentation to legislative committees in Olympia in 2017 raised interest in funding projects to

decontaminate manure. Lawmakers put money in the capital budget this year.

Janicki is collaborating with the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, the Snohomish Conservation District and Washington State University, as well as Visser. The \$4.67 million project last year received a \$1 million grant the USDA, \$283,000 from the state Commerce Department and \$250,000 from the Dairy Farmers of Washington.

Visser, who owns four dairies in Snohomish County, will contribute more than \$1.3 million in cash, materials and fuel, according to the proposal.

Visser said Monday that he's optimistic the project will succeed. "The sooner we get going the better, as far as I'm concerned," he said. "If we don't slice bread, people will be disappointed. I know I will be."

Snohomish Conservation District natural resources planner Brett de Vries said that organizers still need a building permit from Snohomish County.

"I have great hope and confidence it's going to be a complete game-changer for ag in Snohomish County," de Vries said.



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California Focus will take place in Sacramento, California's state capital, June 22-26. 4-H youth from all over the state will meet with state legislators, participate in a mock election (creating political campaigns and candidate debates), learn how the courts work through real court cases in the 3rd District Court of Appeals, and create bills for their "governor" to pass or veto. The culmination of this unique experience of government in action will be their plans of action for service learning projects that they will complete in their communities over the next year.

The UC 4-H State Leadership Conference is being held July 26-29 on the University of California, Davis campus. 4-H teens ages 13-19 gather from throughout California for experiential education on leadership development, civic engagement, college admissions and other 4-H project areas, like agricultural science and healthy living.

Youth also experience a slice of college life: living in the residence halls, eating in the dining commons, and participating in educational sessions, many of which are taught by University of California faculty and staff. 4-H youth from other states are welcome to participate in this statewide conference too! Registration is open through June 28. Please contact the coordinator at 4hslc@ucanr.edu or 530-750-1336 with questions.

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