

# Coalition will assist county with water testing

By **GEORGE PLAVEN**  
Capital Press

BOARDMAN, Ore. — A coalition of businesses in northeast Oregon — including several food processors and the state’s largest dairy — is working with Morrow County officials to test drinking water for residents whose wells may be contaminated with high levels of toxic nitrates.

The affected wells lie within what is known as the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area, or LUBGWMA, which was designated in 1990 to address groundwater nitrates from agricultural lands and other non-point sources.

Morrow County commissioners declared a state of emergency on June 13 after private well tests showed nitrate levels above the federal safe drinking water limit.

Debbie Radie, vice president of operations for Boardman Foods, a local onion processor, was at that meeting where she said the county health department indicated it did not have emergency funding to pay for additional well testing.

The Oregon Health Authority estimates there are 4,500 domestic wells in the LUBGWMA, between Umatilla and Morrow counties. About 1,300 of those are in Morrow County. With tests costing \$35 each, that adds up to \$45,500.

Radie said she began “fundrais-



James Thomas

The Port of Morrow

ing” among businesses to assist the health department. The coalition offered to foot the bill in a press release issued June 17 by the Boardman Chamber of Commerce, ensuring residents can get their wells tested for free.

“I have a well. All my friends have a well,” Radie told the Capital Press. “This is truly an emergency. We can’t wait.”

While the coalition offered to pay for well tests, Morrow County commissioners also approved a \$100,000 budget to address the

groundwater nitrate situation on June 22.

Coalition members include Amazon Web Services, Boardman Foods, Calbee North America, Lamb Weston, Threemile Canyon Farms and the Tillamook County Creamery Association. They are working in close coordination and under the guidance of Morrow County Public Health.

In addition to well testing, the coalition is helping to distribute safe drinking water to residents whose wells are showing elevated

nitrate levels. Consuming nitrates can be harmful, increasing the risk of certain cancers, respiratory infections, thyroid dysfunction and miscarriages.

Radie said the coalition may also consider helping to pay for water filters in homes that need them. Reverse osmosis filters can cost several hundred dollars each.

“These are our friends, neighbors, employees and people we care about in the community,” Radie said. “There is a need, and as Morrow County we should

come together and try to help people who need education, information and support to have safe drinking water.”

Boardman Foods, Lamb Weston, Calbee North America and Tillamook all run food processing plants at an industrial park along the Columbia River near Boardman, managed by the Port of Morrow. Amazon also operates several data centers within the port complex.

Threemile Canyon Farms encompasses 93,000 acres west of Boardman, growing both conventional and organic crops and milking 33,000 dairy cows.

Earlier this year, the port was fined \$1.3 million by Oregon environmental regulators for spreading excess wastewater collected from food processors onto neighboring farms, where it is used as a source of nitrogen-rich fertilizer.

The original fine was increased to \$2.1 million on June 17 after additional violations were discovered. The port is contesting the penalty.

According to the committee responsible for overseeing the LUBGWMA, nearly 70% of groundwater nitrates in the area comes from irrigated agriculture. Roughly 12% is from applying wastewater produced at dairies and cattle ranches; 5% from food processors; and 5% from residential septic systems.

# Ban on interstate sales of raw butter upheld

By **MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI**  
Capital Press

The prohibition against selling raw butter across state lines doesn’t violate national food laws, according to a federal appeals court that’s rejected a lawsuit challenging the regulation.

A California dairy farmer claimed the ban exceeds the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s authority, but the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit has now dismissed that allegation as “meritless.”

Mark McAfee, an organic dairy producer in Fresno, Calif., argued that FDA’s regulation is inconsistent with the definition of “butter” under federal law.

Congress decided which ingredients are permitted in butter but has not required it to be made from pasteurized milk, according to a lawsuit filed by McAfee and the Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund.

By requiring pasteurization for interstate butter sales, the FDA has impermissibly changed this “standard of identity” for butter and overstepped its legal jurisdiction, the plaintiffs claimed.

However, the federal appeals court has now determined that FDA’s pasteurization requirement does not violate the Butter Standards Act or



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**Mark McAfee of Organic Pastures Dairy Farms in Fresno, Calif., has lost an appeal that challenged the dismissal of his lawsuit, which sought to legalize interstate sales of raw butter.**

the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

“McAfee may be correct that unpasteurized butter has a distinct taste, texture, and other qualities, but Congress did not speak to those qualities as part of butter’s statutory standard of identity,” the appellate court said, upholding an earlier decision that sided with FDA.

Standards of identity were imposed to ensure that consumers know what to expect when buying food products, protecting them from unscrupulous mislabeling.

The pasteurization rule doesn’t modify the defini-

tion of butter, “either formally or functionally,” the appellate court said. The agency prohibits its interstate sales of raw butter due to food safety considerations, even as it acknowledges the product is still butter.

“Those public health requirements do not alter a food’s definition or standard of identity,” the ruling said.

The FDA has the separate and distinct authority to protect public health, which doesn’t conflict with butter’s food identity standard, the appellate court said. The definition of butter set by Congress does not preclude pasteurization.

# Cost of July Fourth cookout higher than last year, but farmers aren’t cashing in

By **SIERRA DAWN McCLAIN**  
Capital Press

Hosting a party of 10 for a Fourth of July cookout could cost between 11% to 17% more in 2022 than last year, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation and Wells Fargo.

“The impacts to consumers are significant,” said Roger Cryan, chief economist for the Farm Bureau.

A Farm Bureau survey found that U.S. consumers feeding a party of 10 will pay \$69.68 for Independence Day foods, including cheeseburgers, pork chops, chicken breasts, potato salad, strawberries and ice cream. The overall cookout cost is up 17%, or about \$10, from 2021.

A similar survey from Wells Fargo, which analyzed popular Fourth of July food categories, showed an overall 11% cost increase.

Higher food prices, however, don’t always mean higher farm profits.

“This is not a windfall for farmers and ranchers,” said Cryan, AFBF’s economist.

Farmers generally receive a small portion of each dollar spent on food.

According to USDA’s “food dollar series,” off-farm costs including marketing, processing, wholesaling, distribution and

retailing account for 84 cents of every food dollar spent in the U.S.

About a decade ago, American farmers received 17.6 cents of every \$1 consumers spent on food. By 2019, that had fallen to 14.6 cents. This June, a USDA statement said “just 14 cents of the food dollar go to producers on average.”

For years, USDA’s Economic Research Service has tracked the share of retail food prices that farmers receive by comparing prices consumers paid for foods with prices farmers and ranchers received for commodities.

Farm shares vary by commodity and fluctuate year-to-year. Some commodities saw the farmers’ share shrink in 2021, according to USDA. The agency has not yet released complete 2022 data.

Chips or potato salad are staples at many summer cookouts. Farmers in 2021 got 16% of the retail price of potatoes, down from the longtime average of 18%.

Lemonade is another popular picnic item. Of every retail dollar spent on fresh lemons, farmers in 2021 received 18%, down from the 20% average.

The farm share of each retail dollar spent on cheddar cheese was 29%, down from the 31% average.

The dairy farmers’ share on a half-gallon of vanilla ice cream was 16%, 1% below average.

Other commodities have seen the farmers’ share spike.

In May of 2022, according to USDA, farmers received 41% of the price consumers paid at the store for beef, up from the last few years but under the six-year average of 42%.

Pork producers received 26% of the retail price in May, up from the six-year average of 22%.

But the food dollar is an imperfect indication of farm profits, as it does not take into account farmers’ input costs.

“The farmers’ share (data) is not necessarily super helpful to tell you whether farmers are making money, because it’s more important to them what the actual price is relative to their costs,” said William Hahn, agricultural economist for USDA.

In 2022, farmers’ costs are high.

According to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service, farmers in April 2022 compared to April 2021 paid 29% more for livestock feed, 71% more for fertilizer, 16% more for chemicals, 62% more for fuel and 21% more for machinery.

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2022 FRGT CAS TK  
VIN = 3AKJHPDV1NSNB9956  
Amount due on lien \$67,542.00  
Reputed owner(s)  
> SOUTHERN DESERT LEASING INC  
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VIN = MAJ6S3GLXLC324586  
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VIN = JN8AT3DC9MW100204  
Amount due on lien \$1575.00  
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JUSTIN FORREST BROWN  
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VIN = 1FTNR1Y6G6K819025  
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VIN = JTHKD5BH8D2169348  
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ASHLEY NICOLE EDDY

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2018 DODGE CHL 2D  
VIN = 2C3CDZAG2JH241660  
Amount due on lien \$1555.00  
Reputed owner(s)  
> JACOB ELLIOTT HERDIA  
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VIN = KL8CB6SA4MC712928  
Amount due on lien \$1655.00  
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> J M & KATRINA N ROGERS  
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2021 TOYT PRIUS 4D  
VIN = JTDL9MFUGM3025025  
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> THOMAS LUKE TRUNT  
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2016 MERZ C30 4D  
VIN = 555WF4KB4G107576  
Amount due on lien \$1655.00  
Reputed owner(s)  
THERON CARLOS SEGAR  
COLUMBIA CREDIT UNION

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2021 VOLKS TGN LL  
VIN = 3V2V7BAX0MM151514  
Amount due on lien \$1675.00  
Reputed owner(s)  
BENJAMIN ERIC BOYOK  
VW CREDIT INC

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2006 FORD EC4 CB  
VIN = 1FDXE45S96DA63242  
Amount due on lien \$1675.00  
Reputed owner(s)  
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2011 MERZ GK3 4W  
VIN = WDCGG8HB1BF635267  
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2020 SUZI ATV  
VIN = 5SADW21H3L7100141  
Amount due on lien \$1535.00  
Reputed owner(s) JOSE N GAONA  
& JOSE NAMBO GARCIA  
OREGON STATE CREDIT UNION

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2014 TOYT PRIUS SW  
VIN = JTDZ3NEU2E3363069  
Amount due on lien \$1435.00  
Reputed owner(s)  
SHARON KAY HERNANDEZ

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2021 TESL MOD 4D  
VIN = 5YJ3E1EB5MF085505  
Amount due on lien \$1435.00  
Reputed owner(s)  
LEYANG SHI  
1ST UNITED SERVICES CREDIT UNION

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VIN = 2C3CDXBGG6H192197  
Amount due on lien \$1415.00  
Reputed owner(s)  
MATTHEW JOHN BORGHARD