

Minutes
Northwest Dairy Advisory Committee
April 18, 2007

Present: Chuck Griffin, Bill Speights, Brian Baiamonte, Glen & Dolores Caldwell, Steve Alexander, Lamar & Kelli Holmes, Jerry & Christal Holmes, Derrick Burford, Richard Burford, Dean Graner, Mike Brian, Jack Ortego, E.C. McCain, Tommy Williamson, Dr. Charles Hutchison and Steve Williams

The Dairy Advisory Committee met on April 18, 2007 at 10 a.m. at DeSoto Parish Extension Office in Grand Cane. Chuck Griffin Called the meeting to order. Chuck introduced special guest Mike Brian, Steve Williams and Jack Ortego. Mike Brian, Dairy Farmer in Slaughter, LA and President of the Louisiana Family Farms, L.L.C., gave the group an update on the Business Plans of the Louisiana Family Farms. Mike talked about a possible bottling plant being built in Southeast Louisiana to bottle LA Dairy Farmers milk. Mike discussed the letter of intent to sell milk to the dairy processing plant once the plant was in operation. If a producer wanted to sell milk to this plant they would need to sign a letter of intend and send a \$500 check to Steve Williams the treasure of Louisiana Family Farms, L.L.C.

Chuck Griffin discussed the purpose of having an advisory meeting. Pasture management, ration balancing, mastitis control, dairy lagoon clean-out project and 4-H youth were programs that needed to be continued.

The committee members setup the program for the Northwest Louisiana Dairy Day. The Dairy Day will be held on June 14, 2007 at North DeSoto High School in Stonewall, LA. The Committee suggested topics on the following:

1. Coping with high Fertilizer Price.
2. Coping with high Corn Price.
3. DFA update / possible Louisiana Family Farms
4. Dairy Lagoon Clean-out Up-date

Speakers suggested for the above topics were Charles Hutchison, Jay Stephens and Donnie Fisher. The committee suggested using either Edwin Scott or David Burford to cater the lunch.

Chuck mentioned the DeSoto Parish web site address, which is www.agctr.lsu.edu. Chuck also requested email addresses from the participants so that information may be sent more efficiently.

After the meeting the group enjoyed a lunch prepared by Marcia Griffin and Sponsored by the Dairy Promotion Board.