



# Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development

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# Dairy Digest

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## Food & Dairy Division

### Milk Safety Inspection Program Update

In November 2012, MDARD hired three new dairy inspectors, bringing the number of dairy inspection staff back to 2010 pre-retirement levels. The addition of the new staff has allowed MDARD to resume the entire dairy farm inspection program, effective March 1, 2013. MDARD would like to thank the dairy industry for helping to inspect Michigan dairy farms over the last two years; and for their support of the Milk Safety Inspection Program. Without the industry's support, dedication and hard work to inspect the farms through a Memorandum of Understanding with MDARD, our state's dairy farmers would have faced difficulty in marketing their products through the Interstate Milk Shippers program. MDARD looks forward to a continued strong working relationship with the dairy industry to assure safe, high-quality dairy products for Michigan consumers.

### Reminder: Hauler/Sampler Identification Required on all Weight Slips

In last year's Dairy Digest, the issue of hauler/sampler identification on farm weight slips was addressed. While there has been improvement in this area, Michigan Grade A surveys indicate a significant number of haulers are failing to record their identification as required by the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO).

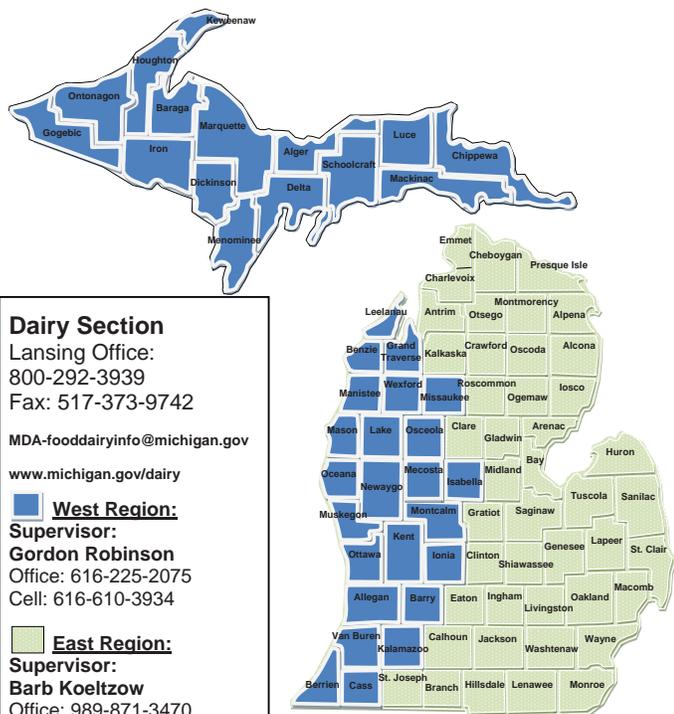
The hauler/sampler name as it appears on the hauler/sampler license and the license number both must be recorded on the weight slip. This same information is needed if a ledger is used as the milk weight record left on the farm. Recording the hauler/sampler information in places other than on the weight slip does not reflect who is sampling individual dairy farm milk pick-ups.

Milk samples are used by MDARD for regulatory purposes. For this reason, these samples need to be taken by licensed samplers. Without proper identification on the weight slip, it can be difficult to determine if a licensed hauler/sampler took the milk sample.

Inspectors will debit Item 23j on routine hauler/sampler inspections if the name and identification number of the hauler/sampler is not recorded on the weight slips or ledger left on the farm.

### DAIRY SECTION REGIONS

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### Consumer Complaint Hotline

If you see a food-related problem, please report it to the MDARD Food and Dairy Division at **800-292-3939** or through the MDARD website:

[www.michigan.gov/mdard](http://www.michigan.gov/mdard)

## MDARD Contact Information

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**After Hours Emergencies:**

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www.michigan.gov/mda-dairy

**Electronic Complaints****Submission:**

www.michigan.gov/complaints

**Licensing Information:**

www.michigan.gov/business

**Business Start-up and Expansion:**

www.michigan.gov/miagbusiness

**Marketing Information:**

www.michigan.gov/

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## FSMA Update:

The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) was signed into law in January 2011. On January 16, 2013, proposed rules for produce safety and preventive controls were published. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) comment period for these two rules has been extended to September 16, 2013. The preventive controls rules cover all facilities that are required to register with the FDA through the FDA Bioterrorism Act. This includes all facilities that manufacture, process, pack or hold food for human consumption, whether or not the food from the facility enters interstate commerce. Dairy farms are exempt from registration and the proposed rules, unless on-farm processing occurs. Guidance documents that address questions regarding registration requirements have recently been posted on the FDA website at [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov). Type "Food Facility Registration" in the search box to find the correct page. Failure to register with the FDA is considered a prohibited act.

The proposed preventive controls rules require a food safety plan at each facility, similar to HACCP. The plan requires a hazard analysis to be conducted and preventive controls to be implemented for any hazard reasonably likely to occur. Monitoring, corrective actions and verification steps are required for each preventive controls along with documentation to support each activity. There are no exemptions for dairy processing within the proposed rules. The Food Safety Plan requirements would apply to all dairy processing plants including those plants making Grade "A" milk products like bottled milk and yogurt as well as plants making products like cheese and ice cream. FDA has encouraged industry to comment on the proposed rules to help shape the final rules and allow FDA to develop guidance material specific to industry concerns. Comments can be submitted to FDA at:

<http://www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail;D=FDA-2011-N-0920>.

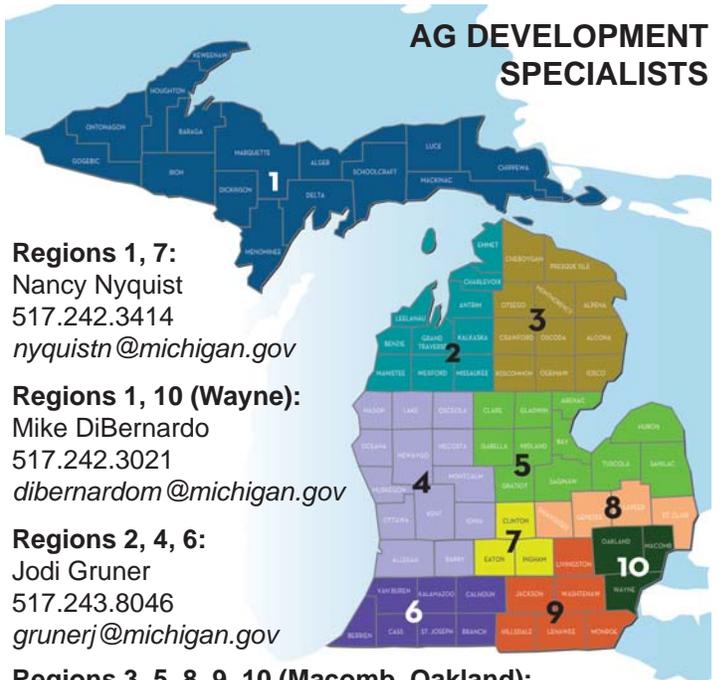
## Ag Development Specialists Available to Assist New and Expanding Businesses

MDARD offers assistance to new and expanding food and agriculture businesses.

For information and resources, please visit:

[www.michigan.gov/miagbusiness](http://www.michigan.gov/miagbusiness)

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## Dairy Statistics and Enforcement Activity

MDARD dairy inspectors conduct milk safety inspections on all of Michigan's:

- 2,112 farms (1,824 Grade A and 288 manufacturing)
- 91 dairy processing plants, as well as 44 other dairy facilities
- 1,642 milk haulers/samplers, milk tank trucks and milk transportation companies.

In FY12, dairy law violations resulted in:

- 173 enforcement letters
- 60 permit suspensions
- 9 informal hearings/compliance reviews
- 1 seizure; \$6,000 in seized products
- \$7,950 in administrative fines collected by MDARD
- Disposal of 11,730,662 lbs. of contaminated milk (valued at \$2,032,924)