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Dairy Margin Protection Program Informational Meetings Scheduled for October

The USDA Farm Service Agency and UVM Extension, in partnership with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and farmers' dairy cooperatives, have scheduled a series of informational meetings around Vermont the week of October 13 to help dairy farmers learn more about the new program.

The sessions are scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, around Vermont on the following dates and locations:

Monday, October 13, at the American Legion in St. Albans

Tuesday, October 14, at the American Legion in Middlebury

Wednesday, October 15, at the Holiday Inn in Rutland

Thursday, October 16, at the Fairfield Inn in White River Junction

Friday, October 17, at the East Side Restaurant in Newport

Farmers can also stop into one of the nine USDA county service centers or one of the eleven UVM Extension offices around the state to learn more about the program.

The 2014 Farm Bill specifically authorized USDA and Extension to conduct informational sessions on the new program to help dairy producers determine whether this new risk management program is right for their farm business. Federal, Extension, State and dairy cooperative staff will be on hand to provide information and answer questions about the program. A newly developed web-based decision tool will be demonstrated, which is designed to help producers review dairy and feed prices and margins to help in their decision making.

For more information contact the Farm Service Agency state office at (802) 658-2803 or UVM Extension at (802) 656-2109.