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DAIRY PROCESSORS INVITED TO WEBINAR ON JUNE 26 ABOUT NAVIGATING PENNSYLVANIA'S REGULATORY AND LABELING REQUIREMENTS

Dairy Processors Are Invited to the Free Webinar on Thursday, June 26

Harrisburg, Pa. – The Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers (PAMD) and Center for Dairy Excellence will host a webinar for dairy processors on Thursday, June 26 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., titled “Navigating PA’s Regulatory and Labeling Requirements.” This is the next webinar in the ongoing processor webinar series to help spur discussion, collaboration and innovation across the dairy supply chain. Karie Williams and Jessica Gehr from the PA Department of Agriculture’s Bureau of Food Safety and Laboratory Sciences will discuss regulations and recent changes involving Pennsylvania’s Grade A Milk Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) as well as the basics of dairy labeling and requirements for Grade A and non-Grade A facilities and products. To sign up for the free webinar on June 26, visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/processor-webinar or call the Center at 717-346-0849.

“From regulations and recent changes to understanding the basics of dairy labeling requirements, our speakers have valuable insights and updates to share,” said Jayne Sebright, Executive Director at the Center for Dairy Excellence. “This webinar will help Pennsylvania dairy processors gain a better understanding of PA’s regulatory and labeling requirements so you can better navigate this complex area of your business.”

Karie Williams is a Milk Program Specialist for the PA Department of Agriculture’s Bureau of Food Safety and Laboratory Sciences. Her current functions include overseeing regulatory enforcement for all dairy production throughout the state, staff education, and public outreach opportunities. She is the lead State Rating Officer and Sampling Surveillance Officer for plants and farms under PA’s Grade “A” program. Karie is the state delegate for NCIMS and NADRO, attends the DPC and 3A conferences, and sits on the AMDERC review committee. She has been with PDA for 11 years, with the last 6 years in the specialist position. She was a territorial milk and food inspector for 5 years before that. She received her master’s degree in public health from The Ohio State University. During the MPH program, Karie completed an internship with the Ohio Department of Agriculture where she was initially exposed to the food regulatory world. She also has a bachelor’s degree in biology and an associate’s degree in veterinary technology.

Jessica Gehr is a Milk Program Specialist for the PA Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Food Safety and Laboratory Services. Her current functions include dairy label approvals for all Grade A and non-Grade A facilities throughout the state, staff education, and public outreach opportunities. She is also a State Rating Officer for farms under PA's Grade "A" program. She has been with PDA for 2 years. Before employment with PDA, she gained over 20 years experience in the dairy program, including 7 years in a Grade A milk plant, 3 years as a Dairy Lab Director at a commercial dairy lab, and 12 years in a Grade A Single Service manufacturing facility. She received her bachelor's degree in biology from Lycoming College and received an associate's degree from the University of Maryland (Asian Division) while living in Okinawa Japan.

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For questions about the Dairy Processor Webinar Series, contact Jayne Sebright at jsebright@centerfordairyexcellence.org or call 717-346-0849 with questions.

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The Center for Dairy Excellence is a non-profit organization initiated by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in 2004. Bringing together people from more than 40 different dairy organizations in Pennsylvania, the Center's mission is to enhance the profitability of the dairy industry by empowering people, creating partnerships, and increasing the availability and use of resources. Learn more at centerfordairyexcellence.org.

The Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers (PAMD) is a non-profit trade association that promotes and advances the production, processing, storage, distribution, and sale of milk and dairy products in Pennsylvania. Many of our member plants are family-owned and run by multiple generations. Member plants have a broad footprint with the products they produce. Learn more at www.pamd.org.

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