



Questions for DATCP



A new Grade A Permit (existing farm, changed names from individual to LLC, but kept same patron #) near the end of the month. Official sample from the first pick up was sent in and official sample from the following month was also sent in early, the first week of the month. The Grade A permit was not processed until after both of the official samples were sent in. I then received a notice I was missing official samples and had to resend the sample. How can we avoid the duplicate work?

- Although this rarely occurs, it is possible due to when the official and first pick up samples were submitted. Because the new permit application paperwork was not completely processed through the system, the first pick up sample result was rejected by the system automatically. There was no record for the result to be attached to. In this situation, the field rep could have called the lab and asked them to resubmit the first pick up sample results AFTER they received notice that the sample result was missing. No need to take a new sample.



Is it necessary to have BST free affidavits signed annually?

- ▶ ATCP 83 requires annual affidavits. There is a ATCP 82 rule change in process. If passed, the new requirement will be, the plant will obtain just one affidavit from the producer. If a plant takes on a new BST free producer, the new plant would need to obtain an affidavit from the producer.



Top 10 AMI debits and other items field reps can pay attention to when visiting robotic farms or prepping for federal survey?

- No new AMI issues at this time. WDATCP does not have the capability to run a violation list specific for AMI farms.



Are there any new items being debited that have not been debited before?

➤ There are no new issues for 2020



Why is a letter triggered by the state as soon as a positive water for total coliforms is sent in? Shouldn't it wait fourteen days first to see if a recheck was taken in the proper time frame? Then a letter should be triggered if a recheck wasn't tested within 14 days. The producer is being penalized with a shorter inspection interval when the problem didn't even have the suitable time frame for the recheck.

- Prior to 2017, a plant did not have to report the first unsafe water sample report. After that date, FDA required that our producer records include all unsafe water reports.



When state samples are tested (delvo 5 pack), there are more positive patron samples. The confirmatory labs have the ability to test with an equivalent test. Charm SL (8 minutes) is faster than another delvo. The majority of confirmations with Charm SL have been negative then requiring another delvo after the sample has been heat treated and another 2.5hrs for results. Once 2.5hrs are up, the sample is still positive. Pirsue is the drug causing the problem. Does the state have any control, or does the patron take the "fall" when he doesn't reject the load at the plant, but has a positive state sample? Some patrons are using charm SL for testing cow samples before putting them in the bulk tank, of course, the results are negative because Charm SL can not detect pirlimycin.

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- The active ingredient in Pirsue is Pirlimycin (a macrolide) which is not a Beta-Lactam therefore rapid tests like Charm SL will not detect this antibiotic. However the Delvotest, which is a bacterial based test will detect drugs from other families. Since it is a drug approved for use on lactating cows, the state cannot prevent the farmer from using this drug. If the farmer's milk test positive for drug residues on the monthly quality sample, then, yes, the patron will be held responsible for the shipment of milk containing antibiotic drug residues.



Can a chart be sent out notifying producers the importance of knowing the correct drug family with the correct testing kit? The FARM program mentions name brands, active ingredients and test kits to use, but it doesn't separate the drugs into their families. Having a simple and basic chart would be helpful for the producer and field rep. If the producer knows a tetracycline drug will show up negative on Charm SL, they may be less likely to put the cow in the tank. Also, labels that are sent in have a section for the producer to write the drug used or active ingredient, but it's rarely put on the label by the producer.

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- ▶ A new drug and chemical guideline was created and sent to dairy plant field reps via email on 1/30 and Michele Sobeck did a presentation on this document. The rapid tests (Charm SL's, Idexx SNAP) are designed to pick up the Beta-lactam family of rdrugs – specifically: Amoxicillin, Ampicillin, Ceftiofur, Cephapirin, Cloxacillin and Penicillin. Any other drug will NOT be detected by the rapid tests but may be detected by the Delvotest which is used by most full service milk labs for monthly quality sample testing. If you want a more in-depth list of what drugs are detected by each approved drug residue test, the FDA document m-a-85 Revision 16 has charts for each drug residue test and at what level it detects each drug.



Spectramast DC's milk withhold label says 30 days. If a cow is dry for 60+ days, can that milk be immediately entered into the bulk tank after she freshens?

- The active ingredient in Spectramast is ceftiofur. Ceftiofur is detected by most of the rapid drug residue tests.
- Label withholding times are recommendations, please contact your veterinarian.



Is colostrum considered milk, especially when it comes to withholding from the bulk tank? How long is it recommended to withhold a fresh cow's milk?

- ATCP 65.01 (36) Defines milk as the normal lacteal secretion, practically free of colostrum.
- ATCP 65.20 says that abnormal milk (bloody, stringy, off colored, visibly abnormal, off odor, or abnormal in any other respect shall be discarded.
- There is no set amount of time to withhold milk harvested from a fresh cow.



When inspection reports are printed why is only the second sheet with the comments printed? The comment lists the item number debited, there is no list of items to reference. Can the first sheet also be printed?

- Most inspection report folders in the milkhouse have an old handwritten copy of the report which contains the full description of each violation and corresponding violation number. You can make a copy of that or request a copy from the department.



Are field reps still able to ride along with Inspectors and work with them for a day?

- ▶ Yes, you can contact the sanitarian and make an appointment. Please note that you will only go to producers assigned to your plant and the field rep can't ride in the sanitarian's state car. The san can ride with the field rep or you can follow one another.



How are the computer generated inspection reports working out? Don't get them for several weeks to a month after the inspection was conducted.

- ▶ The time it takes dairy plants to receive the inspection reports from the Eau Claire office varies depending on the current workload for data entry. They enter approximately 1,000 reports per month and their average turn round time for sending out inspection reports is 2 weeks. Sanitarians individually email all of their Intent to Reinspect and Reinspect reports directly to the responsible field rep. Eau Claire email all inspection reports to the dairy plant email address on file.



Are there any changes to the Industry Appointed Tanker inspections? How many plants are doing these?

- No changes, there are currently 93 ATIs and 29 participating plants.



Anything going to happen about two time a year farm inspections instead of the performance based inspections we are currently doing?

- This is a topic being discussed at the Dairy Advisory Rule Committee meetings. For now, there are no proposed changes to PBFi



What is the deal with rolled on ferrules? I have never heard of high bacteria in milk coming from a loose rolled on ferrule. Why is WDATCP taking such a hard stance on something that is not a problem? This is a high cost involved for a producer who is just starting out farming.

- We are following ATCP 65 requirements, all dairy equipment shall be 3A or equivalent.