# Dairy Farm Operating Trends

June 30, 2019





#### To Our Valued Clients and Other Friends in the Dairy Industry

The following pages contain the Frazer, LLP's Dairy Farm Operating Trends for the six months ended June 30, 2019.

The data is compiled from dairy operations in Southern California, the San Joaquin Valley, Kern County, Arizona, Idaho, New Mexico, the Texas Panhandle, and the Pacific Northwest, which consists of Washington and Oregon operating collectively, with a combined milk production of over 4 billion pounds and more than 354,700 head of mature cows for the six months ended June 30, 2019.

This report includes a comparison of the results in the regions listed above for the six months ended June 30, 2019, both on a "per hundredweight of milk" basis and on a "per head" basis. Also included are selected financial ratios and other statistical analysis for the year.

This publication is designed as a reference tool and a management aid for dairy farm managers and advisors. Frazer, LLP believes the information to be reliable, but is not responsible for errors in reported source information.

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# DAIRY FARM OPERATING TRENDS

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COMPARISON BY AREA FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 (BASED ON AVERAGE AMOUNTS PER HEAD)

	Southern California		San Joaquin Valley	Kern County
Income: Milk sales Calves and other	\$	2,166 220	\$ 2,063 42	\$ 2,019 35
Total income	\$	2,386	\$ 2,105	\$ 2,054
Cost of operations: Feed: Grain Hay and forages	\$	806 430	\$ 880 214	\$ 788 331
Total feed	\$	1,236	\$ 1,094	\$ 1,119
Labor, (including fringe costs)	\$	276	\$ 219	\$ 174
Herd replacement costs	\$	235	\$ 266	\$ 160
Other costs: Milk hauling State and association charges Veterinary, breeding, testing, etc. Supplies Repairs and maintenance Utilities Occupancy costs Depreciation - equipment Interest Miscellaneous	\$	37 20 115 22 83 17 43 20 77 63	\$ 43 22 57 58 65 29 60 43 69 102	\$ 61 21 38 61 57 28 44 28 62 65
Total other costs	\$	497	\$ 548	\$ 465
Total cost of operations	\$	2,244	\$ 2,127	\$ 1,918
Income (loss) from dairy operations	\$	142	\$ (22)	\$ 136
Farming operations, net	\$	0	\$ 49	\$ 23
Net income (loss)	\$	142	\$ 27	\$ 159

Arizona	Idaho	New Mexico	Panhandle		N	Pacific Northwest	Your June 30, 2019 Amounts
\$ 2,096 54	\$ 1,915 39	\$ 1,726 47	\$	1,929 11	\$	1,977 1	\$
\$ 2,150	\$ 1,954	\$ 1,773	\$	1,940	\$	1,978	\$
\$ 802 390	\$ 644 280	\$ 755 336	\$	700 280	\$	613 281	\$
\$ 1,192	\$ 924	\$ 1,091	\$	980	\$	894	\$
\$ 253	\$ 183	\$ 207	\$	208	\$	272	\$
\$ 185	\$ 244	\$ 133	\$	167	\$	220	\$
\$ 62 30 33 88 71 36 50 25 117 99	\$ 32 20 52 50 58 18 62 42 93 132	\$ 74 57 19 83 72 18 47 31 92 26	\$	101 26 79 37 67 18 61 40 42 80	\$	62 32 67 55 79 17 65 48 74 131	\$
\$ 611	\$ 559	\$ 519	\$	551	\$	630	\$
\$ 2,241	\$ 1,910	\$ 1,950	\$	1,906	\$	2,016	\$
\$ (91)	\$ 44	\$ (177)	\$	34	\$	(38)	\$
\$ 4	\$ 5	\$ (3)	\$	(5)	\$	25	\$
\$ (87)	\$ 49	\$ (180)	\$	29	\$	(13)	\$

COMPARISON BY AREA FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 (BASED ON PER HUNDREDWEIGHT OF MILK BASIS)

	Southern California		San Joaquin Valley	Kern County
Income: Milk sales Calves and other	\$	18.56 1.88	\$ 17.15 0.35	\$ 17.90 0.31
Total income	\$	20.44	\$ 17.50	\$ 18.21
Cost of operations: Feed: Grain Hay and forages	\$	6.90 3.67	\$ 7.34 1.79	\$ 6.98 2.92
Total feed	\$	10.57	\$ 9.13	\$ 9.90
Labor, (including fringe costs)	\$	2.36	\$ 1.83	\$ 1.54
Herd replacement costs	\$	2.02	\$ 2.22	\$ 1.42
Other costs: Milk hauling State and association charges Veterinary, breeding, testing, etc. Supplies Repairs and maintenance Utilities Occupancy costs Depreciation - equipment Interest Miscellaneous	\$	0.31 0.17 0.98 0.19 0.70 0.14 0.37 0.17 0.66 0.54	\$ 0.36 0.19 0.48 0.48 0.55 0.24 0.50 0.35 0.57 0.82	\$ 0.54 0.19 0.34 0.54 0.50 0.25 0.39 0.25 0.55 0.55
Total other costs	\$	4.23	\$ 4.54	\$ 4.13
Total cost of operations	\$	19.18	\$ 17.72	\$ 16.99
Income (loss) from dairy operations	\$	1.26	\$ (0.22)	\$ 1.22
Farming operations, net	\$	0.00	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.23
Net income (loss)	\$	1.26	\$ 0.19	\$ 1.45

	Arizona		ldaho		New Mexico	Panhandle		N	Pacific lorthwest	Your June 30, 2019 Amounts
\$	17.44 0.45	\$	17.30 0.35	\$	15.81 0.43	\$	17.60 0.10	\$	19.12 0.02	\$
\$	17.89	\$	17.65	\$	16.24	\$	17.70	\$	19.14	\$
\$	6.67 3.25	\$	5.82 2.52	\$	6.92 3.08	\$	6.39 2.56	\$	5.93 2.73	\$
\$	9.92	\$	8.34	\$	10.00	\$	8.95	\$	8.66	\$
\$	2.11	\$	1.64	\$	1.89	\$	1.90	\$	2.63	\$
\$	1.54	\$	2.21	\$	1.22	\$	1.52	\$	2.13	\$
\$	0.52 0.25 0.27 0.74 0.59 0.30 0.42 0.21 0.98 0.82	\$	0.29 0.18 0.47 0.45 0.52 0.16 0.56 0.38 0.84 1.19	\$	0.68 0.53 0.17 0.76 0.66 0.17 0.44 0.28 0.84 0.24	\$	0.92 0.24 0.72 0.34 0.61 0.16 0.55 0.36 0.38 0.73	\$	0.60 0.31 0.65 0.53 0.76 0.17 0.63 0.47 0.71 1.28	\$
\$	5.10	\$	5.04	\$	4.77	\$	5.01	\$	6.11	\$
\$	18.67	\$	17.23	\$	17.88	\$	17.38	\$	19.53	\$
<u>     \$                               </u>	(0.78)	\$	0.42	\$	(1.64)	\$	0.32	\$	(0.39)	\$ ©
<u> </u>	0.04 (0.74)	\$ \$	0.04	\$ \$	(1.66)	\$ \$	0.28	\$ \$	(0.15)	\$

### **SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATISTICS**

COMPARISON BY AREA FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 (RATIOS)

	Southern California	San Joaquin Valley	Kern County
1 Current Ratio	0.39 : 1	1.15 : 1	0.96 : 1
2 Herd Line Debt Per Cow	\$ 1,252	\$ 908	\$ 712
3 Total Debt Per Cow	\$ 3,154	\$ 2,646	\$ 2,398
4 Debt to Equity Ratio	1.27 : 1	1.17 : 1	0.75 : 1
5 Return on Total Assets	2.3%	-3.9%	1.7%
6 Income (loss) per milking cow per month	\$ 27.98	\$ (4.16)	\$ 27.43

- 1. The current ratio represents current assets divided by current liabilities.
- 2. Herd line debt per cow equals the total debt secured by the herd divided by the average total herd size. Heifers are included on a mature equivalent basis.
- 3. Total debt per cow equals the total current liabilities and long-term debt divided by the average total herd size. Heifers are included on a mature equivalent
- 4. Debt to equity ratio represents total debt divided by total equity.
- 5. The return on total assets represents the net income divided by the total assets, stated at cost.
- 6. Income (loss) per milking cow per month represents each region's accrual based financial results divided by the number of milking cows, divided by six

Arizona	ldaho	New Mexico	Panhandle	Pacific Northwest	Your June 30, 2019 Results
0.49 : 1	1.05 : 1	1.11 : 1	0.70 : 1	0.62 : 1	
\$ 1,481	\$ 917	\$ 811	\$ 399	\$ 715	\$
\$ 4,317	\$ 3,035	\$ 1,850	\$ 1,389	\$ 2,283	\$
10.54 : 1	2.00 : 1	0.88 : 1	0.68 : 1	1.39 : 1	
-1.4%	1.4%	-3.2%	0.7%	-0.7%	
\$ (16.92)	\$ 8.64	\$ (35.35)	\$ 6.89	\$ (7.24)	\$

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019
AND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
(BASED ON PER HUNDREDWEIGHT OF MILK BASIS)

	June 30, 2019	December 31, 2018		
Income: Milk sales Calves and other	\$ 18.56 1.88	\$	16.51 0.47	
Total income	\$ 20.44	\$	16.98	
Cost of operations: Feed: Grain Hay and forages	\$ 6.90 3.67	\$	6.45 3.54	
Total feed	\$ 10.57	\$	9.99	
Labor, (including fringe costs)	\$ 2.36	\$	2.04	
Herd replacement costs	\$ 2.02	\$	1.72	
Other costs:    Milk hauling    State and association charges    Veterinary, breeding, testing, etc.    Supplies    Repairs and maintenance    Utilities    Occupancy costs    Depreciation - equipment    Interest    Miscellaneous	\$ 0.31 0.17 0.98 0.19 0.70 0.14 0.37 0.17 0.66 0.54	\$	0.38 0.19 0.80 0.19 0.73 0.17 0.36 0.15 0.58 0.51	
Total other costs	\$ 4.23	\$	4.06	
Total cost of operations	\$ 19.18	\$	17.81	
Income (loss) from dairy operations	\$ 1.26	\$	(0.83)	
Farming operations, net	\$ 0.00	\$	0.00	
Net income (loss)	\$ 1.26	\$	(0.83)	

SUMMARY OF FINANCI	AL STATISTICS		
		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	June 30,	December 31,	
	2019	2018	
1 Current Ratio	0.39 : 1	0.42 : 1	
2 Herd Line Debt Per Cow	\$ 1,252	\$ 1,322	
3 Total Debt Per Cow	\$ 3,154	\$ 3,182	
4 Debt to Equity Ratio	1.27 : 1	1.38 : 1	
5 Return on Total Assets	2.3%	-3.1%	
6 Income (loss) per milking cow per month	\$ 27.98	\$ (18.68)	
	<ol> <li>current liabilitie</li> <li>Herd line debt the herd divide are included or</li> <li>Total debt per long-term debt Heifers are inc</li> <li>Debt to equity total equity.</li> <li>The return on the divided by the</li> <li>Income per mile each region's a</li> </ol>	tio represents current assets divided by es.  per cow equals the total debt secured bed by the average total herd size. Heifers in a mature equivalent basis.  cow equals the total current liabilities and divided by the average total herd size. Indeed on a mature equivalent basis.  represents the total debt divided by the stotal assets represents the net income total assets, stated at cost.  Iking cow per month represents accrual based financial results divided of milking cows, divided by six months.	3

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

		June 30, 2019	De	December 31, 2018		cember 31, 2017
Income:						
Milk sales Calves and other	\$	18.56 1.88	\$	16.51 0.47	\$	17.57 0.46
Total income	\$	20.44	\$	16.98	\$	18.03
Total cost of operations:						
Feed	\$	10.57	\$	9.99	\$	9.37
Labor		2.36		2.04		2.28
Herd replacement costs Other costs		2.02 4.23		1.72 4.06		2.04 4.11
Other costs	-	4.23		4.00		7.11
Total costs of operations	\$	19.18	\$	17.81	\$	17.80
Income (loss) from						
dairy operations	\$	1.26	\$	(0.83)	\$	0.23
Farming operations, net	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Net income (loss)	\$	1.26	\$	(0.83)	\$	0.23
Cost of operations as		00.040/		404.000/		00.700/
a percentage of income	-	93.84%		104.89%		98.72%
Feed costs as a percentage of milk sales		56.95%		60.51%		53.33%
Net income (loss) per milking cow per month	\$	27.98	\$	(18.68)	\$	5.18
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December 31, 2016		ecember 31, 2015	De	ecember 31, 2014	December 31, 2013		
\$ 15.91 0.54	\$	16.03 1.08	\$	22.79 0.93	\$	18.90 0.27	
\$ 16.45	\$	17.11	\$	23.72	\$	19.17	
\$ 9.02 2.16 1.65 3.79	\$	10.25 1.92 1.00 3.98	\$	11.45 1.87 0.93 4.23	\$	11.80 1.71 1.30 3.90	
\$ 16.62	\$	17.15	\$	18.48	\$	18.71	
\$ (0.17)	\$	(0.04)	\$	5.24	\$	0.46	
\$ 0.02	\$	0.02	\$	0.02	\$	0.00	
\$ (0.15)	\$	(0.02)	\$	5.26	\$	0.46	
101.03%		100.23%		77.91%		97.60%	
56.69%		63.94%		50.24%		62.43%	
\$ (4.26)	\$	(2.17)	\$	114.66	\$	9.54	

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019
AND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
(BASED ON A PER HUNDREDWEIGHT OF MILK BASIS)

	June 30, 2019	December 31, 2018		
Income: Milk sales Calves and other	\$ 17.15 0.35	\$	15.52 0.40	
Total income	\$ 17.50	\$	15.92	
Cost of operations: Feed: Grain Hay and forages	\$ 7.34 1.79	\$	6.74 2.23	
Total feed	\$ 9.13	\$	8.97	
Labor, (including fringe costs)	\$ 1.83	\$	1.66	
Herd replacement costs	\$ 2.22	\$	1.49	
Other costs:    Milk hauling    State and association charges    Veterinary, breeding, testing, etc.    Supplies    Repairs and maintenance    Utilities    Occupancy costs    Depreciation - equipment    Interest    Miscellaneous	\$ 0.36 0.19 0.48 0.48 0.55 0.24 0.50 0.35 0.57	\$	0.35 0.19 0.54 0.52 0.56 0.29 0.57 0.35 0.55	
Total other costs	\$ 4.54	\$	4.65	
Total cost of operations	\$ 17.72	\$	16.77	
Loss from dairy operations	\$ (0.22)	\$	(0.85)	
Farming operations, net	\$ 0.41	\$	0.55	
Net income (loss)	\$ 0.19	\$	(0.30)	

SUMMARY OF FINANCI	IAL STATISTICS
	SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
	June 30, December 31, 2019 2018
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1 Current Ratio	1.15 : 1 0.99 : 1
2 Herd Line Debt Per Cow	\$ 908 \$ 859
3 Total Debt Per Cow	\$ 2,646 \$ 3,217
4 Debt to Equity Ratio	1.17 : 1 1.47 : 1
5 Return on Total Assets	-3.9% -2.4%
6 Income (loss) per milking cow per month	\$ (4.16) \$ 5.06
	<ol> <li>The current ratio represents current assets divided by current liabilities.</li> <li>Herd line debt per cow equals the total debt secured by the herd divided by the average total herd size. Heifers are included on a mature equivalent basis.</li> <li>Total debt per cow equals the total current liabilities and long-term debt divided by the average total herd size. Heifers are included on a mature equivalent basis.</li> <li>Debt to equity represents the total debt divided by the total equity.</li> <li>The return on total assets represents the net income divided by the total assets, stated at cost.</li> <li>Income per milking cow per month represents each region's accrual based financial results divided by the number of milking cows, divided by six months.</li> </ol>

#### SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

		June 30, 2019	De	December 31, 2018		•		cember 31, 2017
Income:								
Milk sales	\$	17.15	\$	15.52	\$	16.88		
Calves and other		0.35		0.40		0.45		
Total income	\$	17.50	\$	15.92	\$	17.33		
Total cost of operations:								
Feed	\$	9.13	\$	8.97	\$	8.88		
Labor		1.83		1.66		1.82		
Herd replacement costs		2.22		1.49		1.63		
Other costs		4.54		4.65		4.75		
Total costs of operations	\$	17.72	\$	16.77	\$	17.08		
Income (loss) from dairy operations	\$	(0.22)	\$	(0.85)	\$	0.25		
Farming operations, net	\$	0.41	\$	0.55	\$	0.32		
Net income (loss)	\$	0.19	\$	(0.30)	\$	0.57		
Cost of operations as a percentage of income		101.26%		105.34%		98.56%		
Feed costs as a percentage								
of milk sales		53.24%		-19.36%		52.61%		
Net income (loss) per milking cow per month	\$	(4.16)	\$	5.06	\$	5.59		
cow per month	Ψ	(4.10)	Ψ	3.00	Ψ	5.55		

D	ecember 31, 2016	D	ecember 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	De	cember 31, 2013
\$	14.86 0.30	\$	16.39 0.79	\$ 22.29 0.63	\$	18.86 0.31
\$	15.16	\$	17.18	\$ 22.92	\$	19.17
\$	8.68 1.72 1.49 4.45	\$	10.87 1.80 0.73 4.75	\$ 11.54 1.45 0.65 4.30	\$	12.13 1.41 1.16 4.12
\$	16.34	\$	18.15	\$ 17.94	\$	18.82
\$	(1.18)	\$	(0.97)	\$ 4.98	\$	0.35
\$	0.26	\$	0.43	\$ 0.61	\$	0.71
\$	(0.92)	\$	(0.54)	\$ 5.59	\$	1.06
	107.78%		105.65%	78.27%		98.17%
	58.41%		66.32%	51.77%		64.32%
\$	(23.12)	\$	(13.20)	\$ 128.26	\$	20.13

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019
AND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018
KERN COUNTY
(BASED ON A PER HUNDREDWEIGHT OF MILK BASIS)

	June 30, 2019	D	ecember 31, 2018
Income: Milk sales Calves and other	\$ 17.90 0.31	\$	16.14 0.75
Total income	\$ 18.21	\$	16.89
Cost of operations: Feed: Grain Hay and forages	\$ 6.98 2.92	\$	6.33 3.25
Total feed	\$ 9.90	\$	9.58
Labor, (including fringe costs)	\$ 1.54	\$	1.53
Herd replacement costs	\$ 1.42	\$	1.39
Other costs:    Milk hauling    State and association charges    Veterinary, breeding, testing, etc.    Supplies    Repairs and maintenance    Utilities    Occupancy costs    Depreciation - equipment    Interest    Miscellaneous	\$ 0.54 0.19 0.34 0.54 0.50 0.25 0.39 0.25 0.55 0.58	\$	0.40 0.21 0.33 0.54 0.60 0.45 0.41 0.26 0.50 0.72
Total other costs	\$ 4.13	\$	4.42
Total cost of operations	\$ 16.99	\$	16.92
Income (loss) from dairy operations	\$ 1.22	\$	(0.03)
Farming operations, net	\$ 0.23	\$	0.56
Net income	\$ 1.45	\$	0.53

SUMMARY OF FINANCI	AL STATISTICS		
		KERN COUNTY	
	June 30,	December 31,	
	2019	2018	
1 Current Ratio	0.96 : 1	1.20 : 1	
2 Herd Line Debt Per Cow	\$ 712	\$ 812	
3 Total Debt Per Cow	\$ 2,398	\$ 3,074	
4 Debt to Equity Ratio	0.75 : 1	0.97 : 1	
5 Return on Total Assets	1.7%	-0.1%	
6 Income (loss) per milking cow per month	\$ 27.43	\$ (0.61)	
	<ol> <li>current liabiliti</li> <li>Herd line debt the herd divide are included or</li> <li>Total debt per long-term debt Heifers are inc</li> <li>Debt to equity total equity.</li> <li>The return on the divided by the</li> <li>Income per mile each region's a</li> </ol>	cio represents current assets divideres.  per cow equals the total debt secund by the average total herd size. He a mature equivalent basis.  cow equals the total current liabilitic divided by the average total herd sluded on a mature equivalent basis represents the total debt divided by total assets represents the net incompared total assets, stated at cost.  Iking cow per month represents accrual based financial results divided by six month milking cows, divided by six month.	red by leifers es and size. s. y the

### KERN COUNTY

		June 30, 2019	De	December 31, 2018		cember 31, 2017
Income: Milk sales Calves and other	\$	17.90 0.31	\$	16.14 0.75	\$	17.04 0.24
Total income	\$	18.21	\$	16.89	\$	17.28
Total cost of operations: Feed Labor Herd replacement costs Other costs	\$	9.90 1.54 1.42 4.12	\$	9.58 1.53 1.39 4.42	\$	9.03 1.54 1.36 4.28
Total costs of operations	\$	16.98	\$	16.92	\$	16.21
Income (loss) from dairy operations  Farming operations, net	\$	1.23 0.23	\$ \$	(0.03) 0.56	\$ \$	1.07 0.08
Net income (loss)	\$	1.46	 \$	0.53	 \$	1.15
Cost of operations as a percentage of income	T	93.25%	*	100.18%	Ť	93.81%
Feed costs as a percentage of milk sales		55.31%		59.36%		52.99%
Net income (loss) per milking cow per month	\$	27.43	\$	(0.61)	\$	21.95

December 31, 2016	De	ecember 31, 2015	De	ecember 31, 2014	De	cember 31, 2013
\$ 15.34 0.34	\$	15.81 0.69	\$	22.46 0.45	\$	19.13 0.23
\$ 15.68	\$	16.50	\$	22.91	\$	19.36
\$ 9.92 1.48 1.22 4.11	\$	11.09 1.40 0.80 3.89	\$	11.77 1.28 0.77 4.00	\$	12.52 1.29 1.20 3.85
\$ 16.73	\$	17.18	\$	17.82	\$	18.86
\$ (1.05)	\$	(0.68)	\$	5.09	\$	0.50
\$ 0.15	\$	1.14	\$	1.36	\$	1.30
\$ (0.90)	\$	0.46	\$	6.45	\$	1.80
106.70%		104.12%		77.78%		97.42%
64.67%		70.15%		52.40%		65.45%
\$ (23.52)	\$	(14.95)	\$	149.10	\$	36.88

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 ARIZONA

	•	June 30, 2019	December 31, 2018			
Income: Milk sales Calves and other	\$	17.44 0.45	\$	16.31 0.34		
Total income	\$	17.89	\$	16.65		
Cost of operations: Feed: Grain Hay and forages	\$	6.67 3.25	\$	6.55 2.85		
Total feed	\$	9.92	\$	9.40		
Labor, (including fringe costs)	\$	2.11	\$	2.41		
Herd replacement costs	\$	1.54	\$	1.95		
Other costs:     Milk hauling     State and association charges     Veterinary, breeding, testing, etc.     Supplies     Repairs and maintenance     Utilities     Occupancy costs     Depreciation - equipment     Interest     Miscellaneous	\$	0.52 0.25 0.27 0.74 0.59 0.30 0.42 0.21 0.98 0.82	\$	0.53 0.40 0.37 0.79 0.52 0.38 0.78 0.28 0.84 0.99		
Total other costs	\$	5.10	\$	5.88		
Total cost of operations	\$	18.67	\$	19.64		
Loss from dairy operations	\$	(0.78)	\$	(2.99)		
Farming operations, net	\$	0.04	\$	0.44		
Net loss	\$	(0.74)	\$	(2.55)		

SUMMARY OF FINANC	AL STATISTICS		
		ARIZONA	
	June 30,	December 31,	
	2019	2018	
1 Current Ratio	0.49 : 1	0.44 : 1	
2 Herd Line Debt Per Cow	\$ 1,481	\$ 1,482	
3 Total Debt Per Cow	\$ 4,317	\$ 3,576	
4 Debt to Equity Ratio	10.54 : 1	4.85 : 1	
5 Return on Total Assets	-1.4%	-11.1%	
6 Loss per milking cow per month	\$ (16.92)	\$ (60.15)	
	<ol> <li>current liabilities</li> <li>Herd line debt per divided are included on</li> <li>Total debt per diong-term debt Heifers are included</li> <li>Debt to equity retotal equity.</li> <li>The return on to divided by the term of the divided b</li></ol>	io represents current assets dividences.  per cow equals the total debt secund by the average total herd size. He a mature equivalent basis.  cow equals the total current liability divided by the average total herd uded on a mature equivalent basis represents the total debt divided by the average total herd uded on a mature equivalent basis of the assets represents the net incompared to the assets, stated at cost.  king cow per month represents the corual based financial results dividently assets and the assets of	ired by Heifers ies and size. s. y the

#### **ARIZONA**

	June 30, 2019	De	December 31, 2018		ecember 31, 2017
Income: Milk sales Calves and other	\$ 17.44 0.45	\$	16.31 0.34	\$	17.20 0.77
Total income	\$ 17.89	\$	16.65	\$	17.97
Total cost of operations: Feed Labor Herd replacement costs Other costs	\$ 9.92 2.11 1.54 5.10	\$	9.40 2.41 1.95 5.88	\$	9.03 2.21 1.62 5.50
Total costs of operations	\$ 18.67	\$	19.64	\$	18.36
Income (loss) from dairy operations	\$ (0.78)	\$	(2.99)	\$	(0.39)
Farming operations, net	\$ 0.04	\$	0.44	\$	0.14
Net income (loss)	\$ (0.74)	\$	(2.55)	\$	(0.25)
Cost of operations as a percentage of income	104.36%		117.96%		102.17%
Feed costs as a percentage of milk sales	56.88%		57.63%		52.50%
Net income (loss) per milking cow per month	\$ (16.92)	\$	(60.15)	\$	(9.45)

De	ecember 31, 2016	De	ecember 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	De	cember 31, 2013
\$	15.56 0.57	\$	16.33 0.87	\$ 23.35 1.20	\$	20.10 0.35
\$	16.13	\$	17.20	\$ 24.55	\$	20.45
\$	8.63 2.03 1.33 5.03	\$	9.49 1.97 0.87 5.01	\$ 10.74 2.06 0.69 5.30	\$	11.68 1.89 1.02 4.96
\$	17.02	\$	17.34	\$ 18.79	\$	19.55
\$	(0.89)	\$	(0.14)	\$ 5.76	\$	0.90
\$	0.09	\$	0.04	\$ 0.09	\$	0.04
\$	(0.80)	\$	(0.10)	\$ 5.85	\$	0.94
	105.52%		100.81%	76.54%		95.60%
	55.46%		58.11%	46.00%		58.11%
\$	(20.02)	\$	(0.14)	\$ 124.79	\$	25.32

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019
AND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018
IDAHO

	J	lune 30, 2019	D	ecember 31, 2018
Income: Milk sales Calves and other	\$	17.30 0.35	\$	16.71 0.26
Total income	\$	17.65	\$	16.97
Cost of operations: Feed: Grain Hay and forages	\$	5.82 2.52	\$	5.86 2.55
Total feed	\$	8.34	\$	8.41
Labor, (including fringe costs)	\$	1.64	\$	1.77
Herd replacement costs	\$	2.21	\$	2.29
Other costs:    Milk hauling    State and association charges    Veterinary, breeding, testing, etc.    Supplies    Repairs and maintenance    Utilities    Occupancy costs    Depreciation - equipment    Interest    Miscellaneous	\$	0.29 0.18 0.47 0.45 0.52 0.16 0.56 0.38 0.84 1.19	\$	0.24 0.18 0.50 0.50 0.54 0.20 0.45 0.41 0.88 1.11
Total other costs	\$	5.04	\$	5.01
Total cost of operations	\$	17.23	\$	17.48
Income (loss) from dairy operations	\$	0.42	\$	(0.51)
Farming operations, net	\$	0.04	\$	0.24
Net income (loss)	\$	0.46	\$	(0.27)

SUMMARY OF FINANCI	AL STATISTICS		
		IDAHO	
	June 30,	December 31,	
	2019	2018	
1 Current Ratio	1.05 : 1	1.10 : 1	
2 Herd Line Debt Per Cow	\$ 917	\$ 758	
3 Total Debt Per Cow	\$ 3,035	\$ 3,223	
4 Debt to Equity Ratio	2.00 : 1	1.96 : 1	
5 Return on Total Assets	1.4%	-1.5%	
6 Income (loss) per milking cow per month	\$ 8.64	\$ (10.40)	
	<ol> <li>current liabilitie</li> <li>Herd line debt the herd divide are included or</li> <li>Total debt per long-term debt Heifers are inc</li> <li>Debt to equity total equity.</li> <li>The return on the divided by the</li> <li>Income per mile each region's a</li> </ol>	tio represents current assets divided by es.  per cow equals the total debt secured by the average total herd size. Heifers in a mature equivalent basis.  cow equals the total current liabilities and divided by the average total herd size. Indeed on a mature equivalent basis.  represents the total debt divided by the stotal assets represents the net income total assets, stated at cost.  Iking cow per month represents accrual based financial results divided by milking cows, divided by six months.	d

IDAHO

		June 30, 2019	De	December 31, 2018		•		cember 31, 2017
Income: Milk sales Calves and other	\$	17.30 0.35	\$	16.71 0.26	\$	17.35 0.26		
Total income	\$	17.65	\$	16.97	\$	17.61		
Total cost of operations: Feed Labor Herd replacement costs Other costs	\$	8.34 1.64 2.21 5.04	\$	8.41 1.77 2.29 5.01	\$	8.43 1.85 1.83 4.65		
Total costs of operations	\$	17.23	\$	17.48	\$	16.76		
Income (loss) from dairy operations  Farming operations, net	\$	0.42	\$ \$	(0.51) 0.24	\$ \$	0.85 0.41		
Net income (loss)	\$	0.46	<del>-</del> \$	(0.27)	<del>Ψ</del> \$	1.26		
Cost of operations as a percentage of income	,	97.62%	*	103.01%	r	95.17%		
Feed costs as a percentage of milk sales		48.21%		50.33%		48.59%		
Net income (loss) per milking cow per month	\$	8.64	\$	(10.40)	\$	18.80		

De	ecember 31, 2016	De	ecember 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	De	cember 31, 2013
\$	15.52	\$	15.90	\$ 22.55	\$	19.05
	0.23		0.79	0.62		0.40
\$	15.75	\$	16.69	\$ 23.17	\$	19.45
\$	8.44	\$	8.93	\$ 10.48	\$	10.73
	1.70 1.79 4.19		1.60 1.09 4.09	1.75 0.66 4.69		1.63 1.10 4.59
\$	16.12	\$	15.71	\$ 17.58	\$	18.05
\$	(0.37)	\$	0.98	\$ 5.59	\$	1.40
\$	0.29	\$	0.25	\$ 0.40	\$	0.47
\$	(80.0)	\$	1.23	\$ 5.99	\$	1.87
	102.35%		94.13%	75.87%		92.80%
	54.38%		56.16%	46.47%		56.33%
\$	(1.69)	\$	27.14	\$ 138.34	\$	40.28

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019
AND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018
NEW MEXICO
(BASED ON A PER HUNDREDWEIGHT OF MILK BASIS)

	•	June 30, 2019	D	ecember 31, 2018
Income: Milk sales Calves and other	\$	15.81 0.43	\$	15.61 0.46
Total income	\$	16.24	\$	16.07
Cost of operations: Feed: Grain Hay and forages	\$	6.92 3.08	\$	6.87 3.78
Total feed	\$	10.00	\$	10.65
Labor, (including fringe costs)	\$	1.89	\$	1.91
Herd replacement costs	\$	1.22	\$	1.41
Other costs:     Milk hauling     State and association charges     Veterinary, breeding, testing, etc.     Supplies     Repairs and maintenance     Utilities     Occupancy costs     Depreciation - equipment     Interest     Miscellaneous	\$	0.68 0.53 0.17 0.76 0.66 0.17 0.44 0.28 0.84 0.24	\$	1.09 0.38 0.57 0.51 0.59 0.25 0.36 0.28 0.83 0.83
Total other costs	\$	4.77	\$	5.69
Total cost of operations	\$	17.88	\$	19.66
Loss from dairy operations	\$	(1.64)	\$	(3.59)
Farming operations, net	\$	(0.02)	\$	1.31
Net loss	\$	(1.66)	\$	(2.28)

SUMMARY OF FINANCI	AL STATISTICS		
		NEW MEXICO	
	June 30,	December 31,	
	2019	2018	
1 Current Ratio	1.11 : 1	0.75 : 1	
2 Herd Line Debt Per Cow	\$ 811	\$ 811	
3 Total Debt Per Cow	\$ 1,850	\$ 3,327	
4 Debt to Equity Ratio	0.88 : 1	1.50 : 1	_
5 Return on Total Assets	-3.2%	-10.2%	
6 Loss per milking cow per month	\$ (35.35)	\$ (81.14)	
	<ol> <li>current liabilities</li> <li>Herd line debt per dependence included on</li> <li>Total debt per designations.</li> <li>Total debt per designations.</li> <li>Debt to equity restricted equity.</li> <li>The return on total equity the divided by the testination.</li> <li>Income per mill each region's a</li> </ol>	to represents current assets dividences.  Deer cow equals the total debt secund by the average total herd size. He a mature equivalent basis.  Down equals the total current liability divided by the average total herd and an another equivalent basis.  Deepresents the total debt divided by the total debt divided by the average total herd and assets represents the net incompatible of the total assets, stated at cost.  Description of the presents of the total debt divided by the average total assets represents the net incompatible of the total assets, stated at cost.  Description of the total debt divided by the average total assets represents the net incompatible of the total assets, stated at cost.  Description of the total debt divided by the average total assets represents the net incompatible of the total assets, stated at cost.  Description of the total debt divided by the average total herd and the total debt divided	ured by Heifers ies and size. s. by the

#### **NEW MEXICO**

		June 30, 2019	De	ecember 31, 2018	De	ecember 31, 2017
Income: Milk sales	\$	15.81	\$	15.61	\$	16.75
Calves and other		0.43	Ψ	0.46	Ψ	0.51
Total income	\$	16.24	\$	16.07	\$	17.26
Total cost of operations:						
Feed	\$	10.00	\$	10.65	\$	9.25
Labor		1.89		1.91		2.09
Herd replacement costs		1.22		1.41		1.37
Other costs	-	4.77		5.69		5.73
Total costs of operations	\$	17.88	\$	19.66	\$	18.44
Income (loss) from						
dairy operations	\$	(1.64)	\$	(3.59)	\$	(1.18)
Farming operations, net	\$	(0.02)	\$	1.31	\$	1.88
Net income (loss)	\$	(1.66)	\$	(2.28)	\$	0.70
Cost of operations as						
a percentage of income		110.10%		122.34%		106.84%
Feed costs as a percentage						
of milk sales	_	63.25%		68.23%		55.22%
Net income (loss) per milking						
cow per month	\$	(35.35)	\$	(81.14)	\$	(24.33)

D	ecember 31, 2016	De	ecember 31, 2015		December 31, 2014	De	cember 31, 2013
\$	15.84	\$	16.50	\$	23.46	\$	19.53
	0.37		0.75		1.03		0.43
\$	16.21	\$	17.25	\$	24.49	\$	19.96
\$	9.18 2.09 1.38	\$	10.39 2.05 0.95	\$	11.98 1.81 0.57	\$	12.16 1.62 0.82
	5.55		5.80		6.03		5.20
\$	18.20	\$	19.19	\$	20.39	\$	19.80
\$	(1.99)	\$	(1.94)	\$	4.10	\$	0.16
\$	0.11	\$	1.22	\$	0.72	\$	1.02
\$	(1.88)	\$	(0.72)	\$	4.82	\$	1.18
	112.28%		111.25%		83.26%		99.20%
	57.95%		62.97%		51.07%		62.26%
\$	(36.35)	\$	(14.91)	\$	99.60	\$	23.28

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019
AND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018
PANHANDLE
(BASED ON A PER HUNDREDWEIGHT OF MILK BASIS)

	June 30, 2019	D	ecember 31, 2018
Income: Milk sales Calves and other	\$ 17.60 0.10	\$	15.92 0.24
Total income	\$ 17.70	\$	16.16
Cost of operations: Feed: Grain Hay and forages	\$ 6.39 2.56	\$	6.83 1.29
Total feed	\$ 8.95	\$	8.12
Labor, (including fringe costs)	\$ 1.90	\$	1.87
Herd replacement costs	\$ 1.52	\$	1.93
Other costs:     Milk hauling     State and association charges     Veterinary, breeding, testing, etc.     Supplies     Repairs and maintenance     Utilities     Occupancy costs     Depreciation - equipment     Interest     Miscellaneous	\$ 0.92 0.24 0.72 0.34 0.61 0.16 0.55 0.36 0.38 0.73	\$	0.76 0.23 0.56 0.74 0.58 0.17 0.45 0.42 0.57 0.74
Total other costs	\$ 5.01	\$	5.22
Total cost of operations	\$ 17.38	\$	17.14
Income (loss) from dairy operations	\$ 0.32	\$	(0.98)
Farming operations, net	\$ (0.04)	\$	0.40
Net income (loss)	\$ 0.28	\$	(0.58)

SUMMARY OF FINANCI	AL STATISTICS		
		PANHANDLE	
	June 30,	December 31,	
	2019	2018	
1 Current Ratio	0.70 : 1	0.97 : 1	
2 Herd Line Debt Per Cow	\$ 399	\$ 267	
3 Total Debt Per Cow	\$ 1,389	\$ 2,615	
4 Debt to Equity Ratio	0.68 : 1	1.54 : 1	
5 Return on Total Assets	0.7%	-3.2%	
6 Income (loss) per milking cow per month	\$ 6.89	\$ (20.40)	
	<ol> <li>current liabilitie</li> <li>Herd line debt the herd divide are included or</li> <li>Total debt per long-term debt Heifers are inc.</li> <li>Debt to equity total equity.</li> <li>The return on the divided by the each region's an each region.</li> </ol>	io represents current assets divided es.  per cow equals the total debt secured by the average total herd size. He a mature equivalent basis.  cow equals the total current liabilitical divided by the average total herd sluded on a mature equivalent basis represents the total debt divided by the total debt divided by the average total herd sluded on a mature equivalent basis represents the total debt divided by total assets, stated at cost.  king cow per month represents accrual based financial results divided by six month milking cows, divided by six month.	red by leifers es and size. s. y the

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	June 30, 2019	De	December 31, 2018		cember 31, 2017
Income:					
Milk sales Calves and other	\$ 17.60 0.10	\$	15.92 0.24	\$	17.77 0.40
Total income	\$ 17.70	\$	16.16	\$	18.17
Total cost of operations:					
Feed	\$ 8.95	\$	8.12	\$	7.80
Labor	1.90		1.87		1.84
Herd replacement costs	1.52		1.93		2.08
Other costs	5.01		5.22		4.97
Total costs of operations	\$ 17.38	\$	17.14	\$	16.69
Income (loss) from					
dairy operations	\$ 0.32	\$	(0.98)	\$	1.48
Farming operations, net	\$ (0.04)	\$	0.40	\$	0.15
Net income (loss)	\$ 0.28	\$	(0.58)	\$	1.63
Cost of operations as					
a percentage of income	98.19%		106.06%		91.85%
Feed costs as a percentage	E0 050/		E4 040/		40.000/
of milk sales	50.85%		51.01%		43.89%
Net income (loss) per milking					
cow per month	\$ 6.89	\$	(20.40)	\$	31.40
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D	ecember 31, 2016	De	ecember 31, 2015	[	December 31, 2014	De	cember 31, 2013
\$	17.41 0.25	\$	17.69 0.68	\$	23.85 0.46	\$	20.65 0.44
\$	17.66	\$	18.37	\$	24.31	\$	21.09
\$	8.25 2.18 1.56 5.79	\$	9.45 1.95 1.01 5.65	\$	10.79 1.65 0.67 5.37	\$	12.86 1.65 1.16 5.01
\$	17.78	\$	18.06	\$	18.48	\$	20.68
\$	(0.12)	\$	0.31	\$	5.83	\$	0.41
\$	0.28	\$	0.69	\$	0.39	\$	0.56
\$	0.16	\$	1.00	\$	6.22	\$	0.97
	100.68%		98.31%		76.02%		98.06%
	47.39%		53.42%		45.24%		62.28%
\$	(1.46)	\$	16.08	\$	129.99	\$	17.31

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019
AND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
(BASED ON A PER HUNDREDWEIGHT OF MILK BASIS)

	June 30, 2019	D	ecember 31, 2018
Income: Milk sales Calves and other	\$ 19.12 0.02	\$	17.65 0.23
Total income	\$ 19.14	\$	17.88
Cost of operations: Feed: Grain Hay and forages	\$ 5.93 2.73	\$	5.48 2.52
Total feed	\$ 8.66	\$	8.00
Labor, (including fringe costs)	\$ 2.63	\$	2.40
Herd replacement costs	\$ 2.13	\$	1.43
Other costs:    Milk hauling    State and association charges    Veterinary, breeding, testing, etc.    Supplies    Repairs and maintenance    Utilities    Occupancy costs    Depreciation - equipment    Interest    Miscellaneous	\$ 0.60 0.31 0.65 0.53 0.76 0.17 0.63 0.47 0.71 1.28	\$	0.64 0.29 0.59 0.58 0.63 0.19 0.92 0.38 0.47 0.94
Total other costs	\$ 6.11	\$	5.63
Total cost of operations	\$ 19.53	\$	17.46
Income (loss) from dairy operations	\$ (0.39)	\$	0.42
Farming operations, net	\$ 0.24	\$	0.47
Net income (loss)	\$ (0.15)	\$	0.89

SUMMARY OF FINANCI	AL STATISTICS		
		PACIFIC NORTHWEST	
	June 30,	December 31,	
	2019 <sup>^</sup>	2018	
1 Current Ratio	0.62 : 1	1.04 : 1	
2 Herd Line Debt Per Cow	\$ 715	\$ 684	
3 Total Debt Per Cow	\$ 2,283	\$ 2,187	
4 Debt to Equity Ratio	1.39 : 1	1.02 : 1	
5 Return on Total Assets	-0.7%	1.4%	
6 Income (loss) per milking cow per month	\$ (7.24)	\$ 8.49	
	<ol> <li>current liabilities</li> <li>Herd line debt per divided are included or</li> <li>Total debt per diong-term debt Heifers are included</li> <li>Debt to equity total equity.</li> <li>The return on todivided by the feach region's and</li> </ol>	io represents current assets divides.  per cow equals the total debt seed by the average total herd size. In a mature equivalent basis.  cow equals the total current liabile divided by the average total herological debt on a mature equivalent basis represents the total debt divided otal assets represents the net included assets, stated at cost.  king cow per month represents accrual based financial results divided milking cows, divided by six month.	cured by Heifers  ities and disize. sis. by the

### PACIFIC NORTHWEST

		June 30, 2019	De	cember 31, 2018	De	cember 31, 2017
Income: Milk sales Calves and other	\$	19.12 0.02	\$	17.65 0.23	\$	19.05 0.28
Total income	\$	19.14	\$	17.88	\$	19.33
Total cost of operations: Feed Labor Herd replacement costs Other costs	\$	8.66 2.63 2.13 6.11	\$	8.00 2.40 1.43 5.63	\$	8.69 2.29 1.44 5.52
Total costs of operations	\$	19.53	\$	17.46	\$	17.94
Income (loss) from dairy operations	\$	(0.39)	\$	0.42	\$	1.39
Farming operations, net  Net income	\$	(0.15)	<u>\$</u> \$	0.47	<u>\$</u> \$	0.54 1.93
Cost of operations as a percentage of income	Ψ	102.04%	Ψ	97.65%	Ψ	92.81%
Feed costs as a percentage of milk sales		45.29%		45.33%		45.62%
Net income (loss) per milking cow per month	\$	(7.24)	\$	8.49	\$	27.37

De	ecember 31, 2016	D	ecember 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	De	ecember 31, 2013
\$	17.21 0.22	\$	16.79 0.40	\$ 23.19 0.43	\$	20.48 0.34
\$	17.43	\$	17.19	\$ 23.62	\$	20.82
\$	9.27 2.07 1.27 4.96	\$	9.58 1.85 0.69 5.23	\$ 11.18 1.83 0.72 5.36	\$	11.83 1.73 1.15 5.17
\$	17.57	\$	17.35	\$ 19.09	\$	19.88
\$	(0.14)	\$	(0.16)	\$ 4.53	\$	0.94
\$	1.11	\$	0.66	\$ 0.62	\$	0.63
\$	0.97	\$	0.50	\$ 5.15	\$	1.57
	100.80%		100.93%	80.80%		95.46%
	53.86%		57.06%	48.21%		57.76%
\$	(3.90)	\$	(3.06)	\$ 110.56	\$	32.97

EXPLANATION OF INCOM	ME AND COST FACTORS
Basis of presentation	Information is included both on a "per head" basis and a "per hundredweight of milk" basis. The "per head" statistics are based on the total average number of milking and dry cows in a herd for the period. The Panhandle region includes the triangle from Clovis, New Mexico, up to Amarillo, Texas and down to Lubbock, Texas. The Pacific Northwest region includes the states of Washington and Oregon.
Milk sales	Includes milk income, quality and production bonuses, patronage dividends, USDA program payments, and gains and losses on milk futures.
Calves and other income	This is primarily composed of the sale of calves, heifers, other livestock and equipment, and miscellaneous other income.
Feed	Grain includes all minerals and supplements while "Hay and Other" represents alfalfa and all forage costs
Labor	Includes wages and fringe costs such as payroll taxes, workers' compensation insurance, medical insurance, union benefits, etc. Compensation to owner-employees or partners is not included.
Herd replacement cost	Represents the difference between the actual price paid for purchased cows (or estimated cost of self-raised cows) at the time the cows were added to the milking herd less the sales price received for cows disposed of. This difference is amortized over the productive life of the cows.
Occupancy cost	Includes property taxes and depreciation of buildings on owner occupied facilities, rent paid and depreciation of improvements on leased facilities. It does not include interest paid on real property.
Miscellaneous cost	Includes auto, truck and fuel expenses, insurance, professional fees, quality penalties and other dairy expenses not specifically classified in another category.
Net income	Is stated before a provision for income taxes or a return on the dairy owner's investment.

### **OUR FIRM AND THE DAIRY INDUSTRY**

Frazer, LLP has been associated with the dairy industry since the early 1950's. At that time, many immigrants from Europe were arriving in California's "Dairy Valley" and establishing their farming operations. These early dairies averaged 50 cows and the families provided most of the labor. Frazer, LLP's partners, situated in "Dairy Valley," were instrumental in the creation of federal and state laws to help dairymen. We have consistently supported pro-agricultural organizations in their efforts to help shape policy and better the living and working environments for dairy families.

As development expanded in the dairy farming area, our firm helped many dairies relocate throughout California, and other states throughout the West and Mid-West. Many families we are servicing now have their third generation stepping into the operation's management. We have grown with these families into their multiple operations, often totaling 10,000 cows or more. Today, Frazer, LLP has clients in California, Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Nebraska, Kansas, Wisconsin, Iowa, and South Dakota. Also, we actively consult with many dairies throughout the United States.

As we look to the future, the trend towards efficiently operated dairies will continue. Along with this trend, the dairy industry is facing continued challenges in its operations, efficiency building efforts which are continuous, expansion and relocation activities including the ability to construct new dairies. The dairy industry brings many jobs to an area and allows associated businesses to grow and flourish. This creates further conflict between the local communities, governments and the environmentalists. Dairy producers face volatility in many facets of their business. Milk pricing and feed market updates can be monitored daily by producers via the CME website boards. Making the correct market decision with respect to milk and feed pricing are crucial to the successful operations of any facility. These decisions to contract any pricing of commodities often carry substantial risk/reward to the producers operation. And finding and keeping quality labor remains a constant challange.

As we are well through 2019, milk prices have improved most of this past year, but cost of operations have also been on the rise this past year. Supply and demand remain a constant issue along with the current trade uncertainties. Major issues looming for producers in the nation are domestic and global demand, and worldwide competition. Sources of quality labor is getting more competitive while there is increased demand on higher wages and benefits that are putting additional strains on producers. Milk and feed futures continue to react with volatility, and obtaining future credit has become increasingly difficult as lending regulations remain strenuous at best. Milk production continues to rise and heifer inventories are rising dramatically as the impact of improved breeding, sexed semen, and continuous beefing of lower end producing cows, which started several years ago now translates into exploding heifer programs and first calf herds. All of these factors require that producers do as much as they can to conserve resources, improve efficiencies, and make the right decisions day to day for their operations in order to insure a viable future.

Frazer, LLP will be instrumental in providing the assistance needed to make these decisions.

### **NOTES**

#### Services Provided to the Dairy Industry:

#### **Assurance and Accounting**

- · Audits, reviews, and compilations
- Budgeting and cash flow management
- Fair market value financial statements
- Payroll
- Preparation of cash or accrual basis financial statements
- QuickBooks

#### Tax Planning and Compliance

- Estate tax and gifting strategies
- Optimizing tax strategies
- · Research tax credits
- Strategic planning for ownership changes
- Tax return preparation

#### Consulting and Business Advisory Services

- Asset purchase consulting
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