

# News Release



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## Dairy issues at Ag Expo panel

**Feb. 7** (Fresno) – Dairy-emissions studies will be one of the subjects of the “Dairy Business Lunch Panel” Wednesday at the World Ag Expo at the International Agri-Center in Tulare.

Dave Crow, air pollution control officer of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, is among the panelists, who also include a state dairy official and dairy researcher. The panel, “Clearing the Air for Dairy Producers,” is scheduled for noon.

One of the topics will be ongoing research into dairy-emissions calculations, currently in the spotlight as Air District officials attempt to set emissions standards for dairies in order to comply with state legislation requiring dairy permitting. Before the package of bills passed last year, dairies and other agricultural operations were exempt from permit requirements.

In order to streamline careful review and analysis of all available data, the District formed a Dairy Permitting Advisory Group (DPAG), comprised of dairy industry representatives, air-quality scientists, community members and District staff, which will meet frequently over the next few months and evaluate research studies as they are concluded.

Nine new studies focusing on several issues such as standing manure, enteric emissions and storage lagoons are just beginning to yield preliminary results. The final answer on total emissions from dairies may lie in incorporating the emissions estimates from more than one study. District officials emphasize that when final data is available for all studies, it will be meticulously and objectively evaluated by the DPAG before a particular course of action is recommended. The DPAG will then recommend a method for determining emissions levels to the Air Pollution Control Officer. The group will also recommend Best Available Control Technologies for dairies in the Valley.

“DPAG is committed to this task and will see it through in the most effective, cooperative way possible,” Crow said.

The Valley Air District covers eight counties including San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and the valley portion of Kern. For assistance, contact the nearest District office in Modesto at (209) 557-6440, Fresno (559) 230-6000 or Bakersfield (661) 326-6900.