IDAPA 02 - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

02.04.13 - RULES GOVERNING RAW MILK

DOCKET NO. 02-0413-0901

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Sections 37-308, -314, -401, -708, and -803, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than October 21, 2009.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

This rule will replace the repealed "Rules of the Department of Agriculture Governing Retail Raw Milk" to modify the raw milk quality standards and sanitary requirements for raw milk for human consumption, to provide clarity for raw milk produced under a "cow share" program and provide a small herd exemption for facility construction requirements. This rule will also eliminate approximately twenty-five (25) pages of outdated rules.

This rule will incorporate by reference the sanitary milk production and milk processing provisions of the 2009 Pasteurized Milk Ordinance, and will also establish sanitary criteria, milk quality, and permitting protocols for "cow share" programs.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased:

No fee is associated with this rule.

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking:

There is no fiscal impact involved with this rule.

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220(1), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was conducted. The Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules - Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the August 5, 2009 Idaho Administrative Bulletin, Volume 09-8, page 22.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Marv Patten, Chief Dairy and CAFO Programs, 208-332-8550 or marv.patten@agri.idaho.gov.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 28, 2009.

Signed this 26th Day of August 2009.

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