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ISDA BEGINS UPDATING RETAIL RAW MILK RULES

Boise - The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) has initiated a negotiated rule process to update IDAPA 02.04.13 "Rules Governing Retail Raw Milk". ISDA proposes to update milk quality and sanitary requirements for raw milk for human consumption and provide clarity to existing rules for raw milk produced under a "cow share" program. The proposed rule also would eliminate approximately twenty-five (25) pages of outdated rules that were last amended in 1994.

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

The first meeting will be held on August 10, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at ISDA, located at 2270 Old Penitentiary Road in Boise, Idaho. For questions or to be added to the distribution list, please contact Marv Patten at 208-332-8550 or marv.patten@agri.idaho.gov.

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