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Project Summary:

The Kentucky Dairy Development Council was approved for a total allocation of \$2,108,500 in state funds for 2015 and 2016 to continue educating, representing and promoting Kentucky's dairy producers and the dairy industry as a whole.

For more information about this project, contact Maury Cox at 859-516-1129 or kddc@kydairy.org.

The KDDC has four dairy consultants strategically located to work directly with dairy farmers across the state. These consultants administer the programs established by the KDDC, and act as facilitators for the producers.

Programs and activities administered by KDDC include MILK, KDIP, Young Dairy Producer Initiative, Financial Benchmarking Program, Wisconsin World Dairy Tour, KDDC Milk Matters Newsletter, and the Milk Counts Program.

The MILK Program provides producers with incentive premiums that are matched by Milk Marketing Organizations (MMOs) that buy raw milk in Kentucky. To qualify for incentives, producers must meet strict quantity, quality, and recordkeeping benchmarks and standards. The continuation of the MILK Program is contingent upon the continued participation of the MMOs, which is currently being negotiated.

The applicant states that over 715 dairy farm families will benefit from this program.