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I am presently working with about 500,000 cows on a monthly basis working mostly in NM, TX, ID, and Pa. We also provide service to flip milk parlors to harvest milk correctly, flying in trained service technicians to perform the work.

I hope you take the time to read the attached article that I wrote and sent to Washington last winter and followed up giving a 3 hour presentation to the USDA AMS several months ago in DC. Bill Newell (AMS Chief) said it the best that day and I Quote "if it were up to him he would have enough dairies producing the fluid milk needed and import the rest". We are seeing a lot of things that I wish I did not see at the dairy farm level on a continuing basis. We have no regulatory overseeing the quality from the farm level assuring the consumers quality.

Everyone in the industry is trying to control the quantity and no one cares to control the quality! We are seeing 1% to 7% of the fluid milk produced in the 10 different orders go into the food stream over 750,000 scc (legal limit) with counts up to 3,000,000 scc. Dairy is over 25% of our American diet. Our country has focused on health care treatment this last week and how we are going to continue to treat it. I have not seen one segment on how we are going to prevent it. In 2008 according to the NMC (national mastitis council) 47% of the total milk shipped in the USA was over 400,000 scc. The National Mastitis Council also states milk over 200,000 scc is abnormal milk. If we follow the PMOs (pasteurized milk ordinance) it is a misdemeanor to a felony for not following the rules. **Milk is the only manufactured product in the world that poor quality sells for the same price as excellent quality.** No one seems to care how much disease we treat in cows and people due to the poor quality we let enter our food chain. Lets roll up our sleeves, follow the rules in place, raise the bar, pay on quality and fix the ag industry.

It amazes me on how we have miss led our industry over the last 50 plus years harvesting milk and all the disease we have treated in cows and people that we would have avoided if we did what was right.

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