

House Proposal of Amendment

S. 207

An act relating to handling of milk samples.

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. MEETING CONCERNING PRELIMINARY INCUBATION COUNTS

(a) The secretary of agriculture, food and markets or the secretary's designee shall convene a meeting of persons with knowledge of Vermont's dairy industry by July 1, 2010 for the purpose of developing consensus findings and recommendations regarding the use of the preliminary incubation (PI) count of raw milk as a quality indicator.

(b) Participants invited shall include organic and conventional dairy producers and handlers, representatives from farm organizations, laboratory researchers, dairy haulers, employees of the agency of agriculture, food and markets, and representatives from Vermont colleges and universities.

(c) Participants shall discuss, at a minimum, proper milk sample handling protocol, buyer and producer responsibilities in addressing PI count problems, and the availability to producers of technical assistance, information, procedures, and access to laboratory results.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect upon passage.