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**Dairy Commission Operating Efficiencies Result in Savings for Licensees**  
*Commission's streamlining initiatives deliver a tax credit for December's assessments.*

**Reno** – The Nevada Dairy Commission is pleased to announce a tax credit toward December assessments for dairy producers, which is a direct result of the Commission's focus on streamlining.

This is not the first cost savings being passed on to licensees this year. In July, the Dairy Commission lowered the assessment on fluid milk by 20%. Ongoing efforts have continued to reduce costs and bulk up reserves, which is why the Commission is able to offer a tax credit toward December's assessments.

*"We've been working hard to reduce costs, while still maintaining the highest service, and our efforts have paid off. For the second time this year, we're passing that cost savings on to our licensees, just in time for the holidays,"* said Lynn Hettrick, Executive Director of the Dairy Commission.

Much of the savings has come from implementing new technology. Teleconferencing of monthly meetings has decreased travel expenses as well as saving time. The Commission is taking full advantage of email and the Internet for sending newsletters and notices. The Commission's new website – [dairy.nv.gov](http://dairy.nv.gov) – is information-packed and easy to navigate. These initiatives have shaved operating costs and increased the Commission's reserves.

Shortly, every dairy licensee will receive a letter from the Commission issuing them a credit equal to the taxes that each licensee paid in August. This credit can be used beginning in December to offset the assessments due. Licensees will complete their Dairy Remittance form as usual, simply taking the credit

against the amount in December or future months as desired. Plus, the Commission will be extending operating permits for dairies and dairy producers for one year without a fee.

*“The Dairy Commission’s efforts at streamlining and providing regulatory relief are consistent with Governor Sandoval’s goals of making government more efficient in order to help businesses in the state,”* said Mr. Hettrick. *“We want to make the Silver State the most business-friendly dairy state in the country.”*

For more information about the tax credit or the Dairy Commission, visit the Commission’s website at [dairy.nv.gov](http://dairy.nv.gov).

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