

of Agriculture to adopt certain regulations; requiring a dairy farmer to submit a certain application; and to pay a certain fee, and to sign a certain statement before participating in a certain Dairy Advisory Team Program; providing for the refund of the fee under specified circumstances; providing for a delayed effective date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a Dairy Farm Nutrient and Business Management Program.

BY adding to

Article - Agriculture

Section 10-1501 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 15. Dairy Farm Nutrient and Business Management Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1985 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Agriculture

SUBTITLE 15. DAIRY FARM NUTRIENT AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

10-1501.

(A) THERE IS A DAIRY FARM NUTRIENT AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, MARYLAND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION.

(B) THE PROGRAM SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN:

(1) A DAIRY NUTRIENT AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TEAM TO PLAN MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS FOR DAIRY FARMERS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THEIR EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE ON FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, RUMINANT NUTRITION, FORAGE CROPS, AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING, COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS, AND ANY TOPIC RELATED TO DAIRY FARM BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT; AND

(2) A DAIRY ADVISORY TEAM PROGRAM TO ORGANIZE LOCAL ADVISORY TEAMS TO ADVISE AND ASSIST DAIRY FARMERS IN THE STATE ON BUSINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) IN ORDER FOR A DAIRY FARMER IN THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DAIRY ADVISORY TEAM PROGRAM, THE DAIRY FARMER SHALL:

(1) SUBMIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, MARYLAND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AN APPLICATION ON A FORM REQUIRED BY THE MARYLAND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION; AND