

## **Murdo, Patricia**

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**Subject:** FW: milk dating

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**From:** Ron May  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 8:27 AM  
**To:** Murdo, Patricia  
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Concerning milk dates,

I am a life long Montanan, rancher, retailer, father and grandfather. I find it almost unbelievable that The Department of livestock has shown a complete disregard to the citizens of Montana for their own gain. This dating has nothing to do with the quality on milk. It is about control of the market. I have used and sold milk for over 30 years. Montana has always been 25% higher on its prices due to the greed of the Department of livestock and the control that Meadowgold has over the state. As everyone knows the 12 day code was setup to keep out of state distributors out of the state. Montanans have paid the cost. Its time for a change, its time to hold the parties involved in this accountable. Someone should be taking a close look at the department of livestock. They are clearly not looking out for the best interest for the people of Montana.

Meadowgold has stated over and over the last three years that their milk is good for 12 days. I believe that they should be held to that, both in their instate distribution and their out of state distribution.

Other milk companies have already shown that their milk is safe for 21 days so they should be able to date out to 21 days.

Lets let the consumer decide what they want. Why in the world would we let an industry as selfserving as the department of livestock steal from Montanans.

Thank you  
Ron May