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	House	Senate
Dairy Product Price Support Program	Continues the dairy price support program through 2012, but changes the program to directly support the price of cheese, butter and nonfat dry milk at current levels. Allows the Secretary to reduce government purchase prices when purchases reach certain thresholds. Temporary trigger adjustments to Price Support.	Same as House bill, except there is no provision that allows the Secretary to reduce purchase prices when purchases reach certain levels. Triggers not included
Milk Producer Security Program	Approves countercyclical payment - MILC program extended at current levels.	Increase MILC Payments to 45% and raises cap from 2.4 to 4.15 million lbs from 10/1/08 through Aug 31, 2012.
Promotion Assessment on Imported Dairy Products	Requires importers and dairy producers in Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico to participate in funding the Dairy Research and Promotion Program.	Not included
Dairy Export Incentive Program (DEIP) helps U.S. dairy exporters market their products overseas	Extends DEIP through 2012 and directs the Secretary to use money and commodities in the maximum amount each year.	Extends DEIP through December 31, 2012
Market Access Program (MAP): Foreign Market Development Program (FMDP):	Increases MAP funding, Cost-share federal funding of agricultural export market development for generic and branded commodities, from \$200 million to \$225 through 2012. Total MAP funding would be \$1125 M and for FMD, Cost-share federal funding of export market development of mainly generic (bulk) commodities, would be \$172.5 M	Total funding of MAP would be \$1100 M and for FMD would be \$192.5 M. In 2012 the levels will drop back to 2007 levels.
Deadlines on Federal Milk Marketing Order Hearings	Sets hard fixed deadlines for Federal Order hearings: petition to final decision in 9 months	Offers similar deadlines as guidelines, with USDA option to set alternative time table for each hearing
Forward Contracting	Establishes a new program that allows dairy farmers to voluntarily enter into forward contracts with milk handlers. Contains producer safeguards, a sunset clause, and establishes the Secretary's authority to review complaints	Amends the 2002 Pilot Program to include producer safeguards against coercion and sunset. Same as House
Dairy Indemnity Program	This long standing program covers dairy losses from catastrophes such as nuclear contamination or aflatoxin, through 2012.	Same as House
Conservation Programs	Expands funding for EQIP each year up to \$2 billion in 2012. Adds specific, additional \$150 million in funding for producers addressing air quality issues. Reduces	Holds the current baseline of \$1.3 billion/year and current contract limit of \$450,000 for EQIP. Increases funding for CSP and combines with EQIP into



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	<p>annual contract limit from \$150,000 to \$60,000 and total limit from \$450,000 to \$300,000. Funds only existing CSP contracts. Recognizes animal waste systems for financial incentives. Reduces "soft" AGI cap of \$2.5 million to a "hard" cap of \$1 million for eligibility for conservation programs. CAFO's required to have a nutrient management plan or equivalent permit.</p>	<p>Conservation Stewardship Incentives Program (CSIP) with Environmental Quality (EQ) and Conservation Stewardship instead of EQIP and CSP. Establishes local advisory councils to recommend priority resources for EQ and Conservation Stewardship producer contract proposal evaluations. An amendment corrects the AGI and other payment limitations, brings the cap back to 2 million and raises the overall payment to 450,000.</p>
CERCLA	<p>Sense of Committee language clarifying that animal waste is not a toxic substance under Superfund laws.</p>	<p>Requires USDA to conduct an economic analysis within 6 months on manure management.</p>
Energy Programs	<p>Increases funding to \$2 million/year (FY2008-12) for bio-product testing, labeling, and procurement research, promotion, etc. Raises the loan guarantee level from \$10 million to \$25 million and caps federal cost-share at 75% for renewable energy systems. Increases mandatory funding levels to total \$500 million over FY2008-12.</p>	<p>Emphasizes "advanced biofuels" defined as renewable energy from source material other than cornstarch. Provides \$130 million for producers to transition to growing crops to produce advanced biofuels. Establishes a federal biobased product purchase preference program. Offers grants to cover up to 25% of the cost or loan guarantees covering up to 80% of the cost of animal manure to energy biorefinery construction. Creates a new Biomass Research and Development program funded at \$75 million for 2008-2010.</p>
Animal and Public Health Programs	<p>Reauthorizes Johnes Disease Control Program through 2013, appropriations required; maintains animal disease programs such as TB and Brucellosis; continues animal health and disease research programs.</p>	<p>Reauthorizes Johnes Program, same as House; requires USDA within 6 months to an economic analysis on manure management.</p>
Human Nutrition Programs	<p>Encourages USDA to use nutrition education which could increase the likelihood of additional purchases of dairy products.</p>	<p>Establishes the Health Enterprise Development Center in order to provide access to healthy and affordable food to underserved communities.</p>
<p>Casey Amendments – Senate</p> <p>#3 Mandatory reporting of dairy commodities. Requires USDA to collect and publish daily prices on products used to determine Class III and IV from all applicable dairy processors. Small processors of 1 million lbs per year are exempted.</p> <p>#9 Feed and Fuel Cost consideration in make allowances. As part of any hearing to adjust make allowances, the Secretary shall consider the most recent monthly feed and fuel price data incurred by dairy producers in the relevant marketing area.</p>		