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Prison Industry Authority's Dairy Wins Top Milk Quality Award

(CORCORAN) For the seventh consecutive year, the Prison Industry Authority's (PIA) dairy at Corcoran State Prison has received the top award for milk quality from the Kings County Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

The Corcoran dairy herd produced the lowest somatic cell count in Kings County for 2006, home to over 100 dairies. Somatic cell count is one of the industry standards for measuring milk quality (elevated somatic cell counts reduce shelf life and milk flavor). The Corcoran Dairy somatic cell count for 2006 averaged 134,000 cells per milliliter compared to the statewide average of 245,000 cells per milliliter. The Kings County average is 280,000 cells per milliliter.

"The Prison Industry Authority is proud to receive the Kings County Dairy Herd Improvement Association award for milk quality for the seventh consecutive year," said PIA General Manager Chuck Pattillo. "The quality of milk produced at our dairies is among the highest in the State. This award exemplifies the fine work of PIA's staff at Corcoran who are continually training inmates to develop work skills that will assist them in acquiring employment upon release."

Corcoran's dairy sells its milk to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (including the Division of Juvenile Justice facilities), State hospitals, and the State Veteran's Home.

In addition to the Corcoran dairy, PIA operates dairies at the California Training Facility in Soledad and the Duel Vocational Institution in Tracy. The dairies employ over 230 inmates.

PIA is the State organization that provides productive job assignments for inmates in California's adult correctional institutions. PIA's products and services are available to governmental entities, including federal, state, and local agencies. PIA operates factories that produce a variety of goods and services including: modular buildings, office furniture, eye glasses, license plates, coffee, shoes, printing services, signs, binders, clothing, and much more.

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