

AGENDA DATE: May 23, 2006

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**SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
INTRODUCTION OF NEW DAIRY ADVISOR AND PROGRAM
UPDATE**

SUMMARY: Debora Bacon, a veterinarian who holds a master's degree in dairy science, has been named the UC Cooperative Extension Dairy Farm Advisor for Tulare County, the No. 1 dairy county in the United States. Bacon began her new job Feb. 1.

Bacon earned her doctorate in veterinary medicine at the Universidade Estadual Paulista in Botucatu, Brazil. She earned her dairy science master's degree at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 2003. Bacon moved to the Tulare area two years ago and held positions with the UC Davis Veterinary Medicine Teaching and Research Center in Tulare and the UC Cooperative Extension Office in Kings County. Bacon is looking forward to the challenge of advising farmers in a county that milks more than 400,000 cows on a daily basis.

In her new position, Bacon has started by consulting with Tulare dairy producers, other Cooperative Extension dairy advisors and campus-based specialists and professors to determine what needs her primary research and education program should address.

Bacon intends to spend time becoming familiar with regulations related to air and water quality.

FINANCING: N/A

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER AGENCIES: N/A

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Chief Administrative Officer

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