

President's Letter
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Greetings! The holiday season is here, and it looks like winter has made its way into our state. Even though it has been pretty warm so far, they say cool weather is on its way. Cows love that kind of weather change. Oh yeah...typical New Mexico weather—one extreme to another. I think that is one of the “enchanted” things about New Mexico.

Thanksgiving will be over by the time you read this letter, and hopefully the snow (if we get any). It is easy to be thankful with milk prices as good as they are, isn't it? But we all need to be more thankful all year long because we do have a lot to be thankful for. Even when prices are low, we should be thankful for all the things we do have—like family, friends, health, and strength. None of us have ever missed a meal or gone without a roof over our heads. It makes you think about the people that have missed meals and do not have homes. We are all so spoiled. We can cry so much when prices are low; we think we have it so bad, like the end is near. The truth is, for us—dairymen—who love cows, the life, working outside, watching our kids grow up in the business and being able to do the work we love...we have a lot to be thankful for. We have to love it to do it, even when times are bad—that is what makes a good dairyman.

Be thankful all the time and that will make you a more positive person. You all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! God Bless.