

WHO IS MN MILK?

Since 1977, Minnesota Milk Producers Association has been the grassroots organization for Minnesota's dairy industry. Our strength comes from members working together and focusing on three key areas:



1. Policy

Taking timely action to support or oppose issues impacting our members.



2. Engagement

Providing programs that further the professional goals of our members.



3. Membership

Creating more opportunities for our members to prosper.

Welcome to the Minnesota Milk Dairy Digest series!

In this monthly publication, we will provide updates on the dairy industry, including major issues affecting the dairy community. We will also highlight dairy farmers and share their stories from across the state.

Minnesota Milk was established in 1977 when a group of dairy farmers came together to ensure they had a unified voice in policy discussions. The passion and vision of those original members continue to inspire us today as we advocate for issues affecting our farms and families. Our strength lies in our members' collaboration, focusing on three key areas: policy, engagement and membership.

Among our board members, dairy farmers and industry partners, we have a broad range of experience and knowledge about what's currently going on in our state's dairy industry, and we'll share that information with you. We're here to be your resource on all things dairy in Minnesota.

In the 2026 Legislative Session, we were appreciative of the support to "uncap" the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit (BFTC) for one year. This was important because previously the Legislature also improved the BFTC to include family members and increase the credit from \$32,000 to \$50,000 for farmers agreeing to sell assets to beginning farmers. We also celebrated the passage of legislation updating the Dairy Assistance, Investment and Relief Initiative (DAIRI) program, so that newer dairy farms that have come into existence since 2022 are included.

Thank you for your continued support to advance dairy policy for Minnesota dairy farmers. Together, we're building a stronger future for our state's rural communities and farm families!



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