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National Dairy FARM Program to Lead One-Day Session at 49th Annual AABP Conference

ARLINGTON, VA – The National Milk Producers Federation's Farmers Assuring Responsible Management (FARM) Program will host a full day of programming during the 49th annual conference of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) in Charlotte, N.C.

On Sept. 16, FARM will lead a day-long session filled with panels and speakers centered on the role veterinarians play in responsible dairy cattle care. Panels will touch on why the FARM Program was created, its recent successes and future goals, and the latest in animal health research.

The Friday session will also help AABP veterinarians realize their role in helping dairy producers understand and meet FARM Program guidelines, as well as learn how to respond proactively to customer expectations around animal care.

"Since the FARM Program's inception in 2009, the relationship between veterinarians and dairy farmers has always been a central tenant," said Emily Meredith, NMPF Chief of Staff and FARM Program administrator. "We need them to help make this program even more successful as animal care standards change."

She continued: "We are grateful to AABP for allowing us to host a session and further engage the nation's veterinary leaders and discuss the future of the FARM Program."

Registration for the 2016 AABP Annual Conference is <u>now open</u>. The tentative agenda for the day can be viewed <u>here</u>.

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of the U.S. milk supply, making NMPF the voice of dairy producers on Capitol Hill and with government agencies. For more on NMPF's activities, visit our website at <u>www.nmpf.org</u>.