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NMPF Statement on House Agriculture Subcommittee Hearing

ARLINGTON, VA – The House Agriculture Livestock, Poultry and Dairy Subcommittee held a dairy policy hearing on Thursday, September 8. The hearing witnesses included U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) officials from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS).

After attending the hearing, NMPF President &CEO Jerry Kozak issued this statement:

"The general tone of the questions at today's hearing from the committee members indicates a concern that current dairy programs are not up to the task of providing a meaningful farm-level safety net.

"NMPF shares that concern, and that's what has driven the creation of <u>Foundation for the</u> <u>Future</u>. We believe we have the best answer to the bottom line question of what should come next for dairy policy."



NMPF President & CEO Jerry Kozak (I) discusses dairy policy with Congressman Tom Rooney (R-FL), Chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry.

The National Milk Producers Federation, based in Arlington, VA, develops and carries out policies that advance the well being of dairy producers and the cooperatives they own. The members of NMPF's 31 cooperatives produce the majority of the U.S. milk supply, making NMPF the voice of more than 40,000 dairy producers on Capitol Hill and with government agencies. Visit www.nmpf.org for more information.