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*"Connecting Cows, Cooperatives, Capitol Hill, and Consumers"*

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## **NMPF Thanks Nevada Governor Sandoval for Vetoing Raw Milk Bill**

*From Jerry Kozak, President and CEO, NMPF:*

"The nation's dairy farmers thank Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval for vetoing a state bill that would have permitted raw milk to be distributed statewide, and in so doing, siding with health experts who recognize the potential danger to consumers of raw milk.

"Thursday's announcement by Sandoval cited the 'significant public health risks' represented by consuming raw milk, resulting in his veto of Assembly Bill 209.

"Gambling with the health of one's family shouldn't be one of Nevada's hallmarks, and we appreciate Gov. Sandoval heeding that message.

"While 20 states prohibit the sale of raw milk to consumers, several states have loosened, or have considered loosening, restrictions on the sale of unpasteurized dairy products in recent years – despite the number of illnesses that have continued to be linked to the product.

"We urge other states considering similar legislation to look to the exemplary leadership demonstrated by Sandoval."

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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 30 cooperatives produce the majority of the U.S. milk supply, making NMPF the voice of more than 32,000 dairy producers on Capitol Hill and with government agencies. Visit [www.nmpf.org](http://www.nmpf.org) for more information.