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NMPF Commends House for Naming Conferees to Complete Work on Farm Bill

From Jim Mulhern, Chief Operating Officer, NMPF:

"We commend the leadership of the House of Representatives for taking the next crucial step towards completing a new farm bill, and creating a new and better safety net for dairy farmers. With the naming of these House members, negotiations with the Senate can now proceed on a final farm bill package.

"NMPF will be working in the coming days to remind both the Senate and House conferees of the importance of a balanced and cost-effective dairy program. The Senate's bipartisan Dairy Security Act is the only program designed to both help farmers when they need it most, while also limiting taxpayers' liability through its market stabilization mechanism. Without the market stabilization program, farmers will continue to suffer prolonged periods of poor margins, while taxpayers will subsidize artificially-low milk prices.

"The Dairy Security Act protects farmers of all sizes, allows for growth, and keeps taxpayer costs in check. The alternative is an irresponsible budget-buster. We strongly encourage the agriculture conferees to support the dairy title language in the Senate farm bill, and to include its provisions in the final package."

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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 for more information.