NMPF
NATIONAL MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION

Pass the Farm Bill

Boost the resiliency of American dairy farms by passing this critical legislation



ENACTMENT OF A FARM BILL IN 2026 WILL PROVIDE DAIRY FARMERS THE CERTAINTY THEY NEED.

The farm bill authorizes and funds important programs for dairy farmers and the cooperatives they own.

Representing 23 dairy farmer-owned cooperatives that produce two-thirds of the U.S. milk supply, the National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) supports a comprehensive farm bill that helps dairy farmers manage risks and resources while seeking market opportunities at home and abroad, while supporting the broader dairy industry.

NMPF plays a crucial role in farm bill discussions, ensuring the interests of dairy farmers and the cooperatives they own are effectively communicated and considered in the bill. NMPF applauds House passage of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and urges the Senate to advance a farm bill without delay.

NMPF supports the following measures:



Conservation

- Extending the EQIP livestock set-aside
- Incorporating the COWS Act to include conservation practices that increase carbon sequestration or reduce greenhouse gases to be eligible for increased cost-share
- Including the TSP Access Act to improve access to Technical Service Providers who help farmers implement conservation practices

17%

EXPORTS ACCOUNT FOR 17% OF DAIRY PRODUCTION TODAY.

$20+

AMERICAN DAIRY RETURNS OVER $20 IN EXPORT REVENUE FOR EVERY $1 INVESTED.

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DAIRY SERVES AS AN EXCELLENT SOURCE OF 13 ESSENTIAL NUTRIENTS.



Milk Production

Compared to 2007, producing a gallon of milk today requires...

30%
LESS WATER

21%
LESS LAND

and results in...

19%
SMALLER CARBON FOOTPRINT

20%
LESS MANURE

Dairy Pricing

- Mandatory processing cost and product yield surveys to bring greater transparency and inform future Federal Milk Marketing Order (FMMO) updates

Trade Promotion

- Directing USDA to secure foreign markets for goods using common names, such as parmesan and feta
- Mandating an annual minimum expenditure of $200,000 for the procurement and distribution of ready-to-use therapeutic foods (RUTFs) which are nutrient-dense pastes that incorporate milk powders to combat severe cases of malnourishment worldwide
- Transferring the Food for Peace program to USDA
- Redirecting funding from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act for agricultural export promotion into the Market Access Program and similar export promotion programs
- Authorizing new funding for cold chain infrastructure investments for agricultural exports

Nutrition

- Expanding the SNAP Dairy Incentive program by including all forms of fluid milk, some hard cheeses, and low sugar yogurt
- Authorizing state-led local food purchasing programs, such as the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA) to connect farmers with local food distribution organizations
- Ensuring the recently enacted Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act is implemented for all school nutrition programs

Supporting Farmers

- Reauthorizing the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network and allowing grants to create programs that provide counseling via farm telephone help lines, websites, and crisis hotlines

Supporting Cooperatives

- Expanding the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) to include farmer-owned cooperatives with up to 2,500 employees

Supporting Animal Agriculture

- Extending authorization of appropriations for the National Animal Defense Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP) and the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) through 2031 and including "animal disease traceability" as a covered activity in NADPRP
- Preventing state-level mandates, such as California's Proposition 12, that dictate on-farm production practices for agricultural goods produced outside their borders

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