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## **NMPF TO HOST SUMMER FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **Meeting Details and Registration on Updated Foundation for the Future Website**

**ARLINGTON, Va.** – The National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) today announced its Summer Grassroots Tour: 12 meetings in July and August that will bring together dairy producers and other key industry representatives to discuss the dairy policy reform programs proposed in NMPF’s Foundation for the Future.

“The U.S. dairy industry has called for dramatic changes in dairy policy, and Foundation for the Future answers that call,” says Jerry Kozak, NMPF President and CEO. “Our summer meetings will explain how Foundation for the Future’s dairy policy reforms will safeguard dairy producers’ equity, ensure the future of their operations, and stabilize dairy markets.”

The meetings are slated to take place throughout the United States between July 12 and August 22. Each three-hour meeting will feature an in-depth presentation, and question and answer session led by NMPF’s Kozak, along with other staff. Meeting locations include:

- Olympia, Wash., Red Lion Hotel – July 12
- Visalia, Calif., Holiday Inn – July 13
- Lubbock, Texas, Overton Hotel & Conference Center – July 18
- Alexandria, Minn., Holiday Inn – July 20
- Dubuque, Iowa, Grand River Center – July 21
- Lansing, Mich., Ramada Lansing Hotel & Conference Center – July 26
- Green Bay, Wis., Comfort Suites – July 27
- Stevens Point, Wis., Ramada Hotel – July 28
- Harrisburg, Pa., Holiday Inn Harrisburg – East – August 8
- Syracuse, N.Y., Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool Airport Hotel – August 10
- Ocala, Fla., Hilton – August 12
- Nashville, Tenn., Embassy Suites Nashville Airport – August 22

Dairy producers, milk processors, and other key industry stakeholders are encouraged to attend.



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### **Foundation for the Future Website Updates**

NMPF recently updated the Foundation for the Future website to accommodate details about the Summer Grassroots Tour, and enhance visitors' exploration of FFTF dairy policy reform programs. Updates at [www.futurefordairy.com](http://www.futurefordairy.com) include improved accessibility of individual Foundation for the Future reform program details, the addition of producer testimonials, and the option to sign up as an official Foundation for the Future supporter.

The website also offers dairy producers and industry stakeholders interactive tools and resources, including a margin protection calculator that helps producers determine an appropriate coverage level for supplemental margin insurance under Foundation for the Future's Dairy Producer Margin Protection Program. Producers can input their annual milk production and select the percentage of base milk production the program will cover – along with any optional additional coverage – to generate scenarios of how the Dairy Producer Margin Protection Program will benefit their individual operations.

In addition, [www.futurefordairy.com](http://www.futurefordairy.com) features a news and resources section with the latest dairy policy articles and downloadable materials about Foundation for the Future, including frequently asked questions. "The website plays a crucial role in providing dairy producers and other important industry representatives the information they need to understand Foundation for the Future," Kozak explains.

The mission of Foundation for the Future, as envisioned by NMPF, is to provide the dairy industry with policy programs that dramatically improve the historical approach embodied by current programs, and foster a more economically viable and secure future for dairy producers, milk processors, and other industry stakeholders.

The National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF), 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](http://www.nmpf.org) for more information.

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