

# Ohio Dairy Producers Association 2026 Board of Directors

The ODPA Board of Directors consists of representatives from Farm and Organization members.

## Producer Directors

10 Producer Directors from the Farm Membership are elected. They represent each district proportionate to the number of active dairy farms in each district. The entire Farm membership votes on nominees from all districts.

### **Northeast**

Joel Albright  
Mark Dotterer  
Joe Miley  
Matt Saal  
Dianne Shoemaker

### **Southwest**

Lou Brown  
Nick Meier

### **South**

Andy Miedema

### **East**

Paul Haskins

### **Northwest**

Joe Cole



## Organization Directors

Organization Directors are allocated based on funding and are designated by each respective Organization member, upon approval of the Board.

### **Select Sires Member Cooperative**

Chris Lahmers

### **National Farmers Organization**

Patrick Wehrman

### **Dairy Farmers of America – Mideast Area**

Bill Besancon  
Larry Griffith  
Emily Van Winkle  
John Wuebker

### **Ohio Purebred Dairy Cattle Association**

John Lemmermen

### **Prairie Farms**

Gretl Schlatter

### **DHI Cooperative, Inc.**

Jim Albers

### **Scioto Cooperative Milk Producers Association**

Ron Fenton

### **Michigan Milk Producers Association**

Zach Steiner

### **Select Milk Producers, Inc.**

Chris Weaver

## 2026 Executive Committee

Chair	Joe Miley
Vice Chair, Producers	Lou Brown
Producer Rep	Joe Cole
Vice Chair, Organizations	Emily Van Winkle
Organization Rep	Gretl Schlatter

## 2026 Staff Officers

CEO	Scott Higgins
Treasurer	Vince Alger
Secretary	Jenny Crabtree