

ADVOCATING FOR OHIO DAIRY FARM FAMILIES



Join today for just \$60 a year to protect the future of Ohio dairy farming and make your voice heard - the more farms ODDPA represents, the larger our impact will be!

HERE'S WHAT WE'RE DOING FOR OUR MEMBERS:

- **Serving as a collective voice** to address state and federal issues related to animal care, the environment, GMO labeling, school meals, trade, transportation, energy and taxes that affect Ohio's dairy farm families.
- Monitoring and assessing issues, **providing input on rules and regulations**, activating members, and **testifying to oppose or support legislation** to defend and protect Ohio's dairy farm community.
- **Educating legislators** about Ohio dairy farming and **hosting dairy farm tours** to give a first-hand look at how farmers care for their cows and manage manure.
- Working with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to **represent the best interests of dairy farmers**.
- **Representing dairy farmers on national and state committees** such as Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board, Ohio Livestock Coalition, ODA CAFF Advisory Board, Milk Sanitation Board, Ohio Agriculture Conservation Initiative and NMPF Environmental Task Force.
- Providing timely information and **updates on dairy issues and producer education** opportunities.



For more information, visit www.ODPA.org or call 614.890.1425



Cow & Calf Care



- **Supporting Ohio Veterinary Medicine Association and Ohio Dairy Vets** in promoting proper drug use on dairy farms through the Food Armor™ Program.
- **Promoting the National Dairy FARM Program™** and its Milk & Dairy Beef Drug Residue Prevention Manual, and encourage farmers to work closely with their vets.
- Encouraging dairy farmers to communicate their expectations to their employees by utilizing the **See It Stop It** campaign.



Manure & Water Quality

- Providing dairy farmer input and leadership to the **Ohio Agriculture Conservation Initiative**. ODPa was instrumental in the development of OACI, which will help farmers finance innovative water quality and soil health best management practices through the DeWine Administration's H2Ohio initiative. OACI is a collaborative effort of the agricultural, conservation, environmental, and research communities to improve water quality by establishing a baseline understanding of current conservation and nutrient management efforts and building farmer participation in a new certification program.
- **Assisting farmers in acquiring funding assistance** for manure storage and manure transportation equipment needed to meet compliance with the new Ohio nutrient management laws.
- **Investigating new technologies and innovative systems** to manage manure and acquire H2Ohio funding for assistance.
- Representing dairy farmers on the **Harmful Algae Bloom Research Initiative** to ensure that reasonable and scientifically-based methods are used to determine the projected effect of manure best management practices.



Legislative Affairs

- Educating legislators about the **Dairy PRIDE Act** and encouraging FDA to take enforcement action against the misuse of dairy food names on plant-based imitators.
- **Corresponding with congressional staff** regarding USMCA and other international trade policies, as well as the Farm Workforce Modernization Act.
- Working with the National Milk Producers Federation to support the **School Milk Nutrition Act** and **Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act**. Both bills offer a bipartisan solution by providing students healthy, nutrient-rich dairy options in schools.
- Submitting testimony in collaboration with other livestock groups to support **Ohio House Bill 7** and **Ohio Senate Bill 2**. These bills seek to establish funding and coordinate efforts to protect and restore Ohio's waterways.
- Collaborating with the agriculture community to support **Ohio House Bill 183**, which authorizes a nonrefundable income tax credit for beginning farmers and those who sell or rent agricultural assets.