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 ODPA 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
ODPA is working hard to make certain your voice is heard!

For questions, call Scott Higgins at 614.890.1425 or visit ODPA.org

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.

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