

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 farmers ODPa represents, the larger our impact will be!

HERE'S WHAT WE DO FOR OUR MEMBERS:

- **Serve 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.
- Monitor and assess issues, **provide input on rules and regulations**, activate members, and **testify to oppose or support legislation** to defend and protect Ohio's dairy farm community.
- **Educate legislators** about Ohio dairy farming and **host dairy farm tours** to give a first-hand look at how farmers care for their cows and manage manure.
- Work 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**.
- **Represent dairy farmers on national and state committees** such as Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board, Ohio Livestock Coalition, ODA CAFF Advisory Board, Milk Sanitation Board and NMPF Environmental Task Force.
- Provide 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



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



Manure & Water Quality

- **Providing dairy farmer input** to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, USDA/NRCS and state legislators regarding plans that contribute toward a 40 percent reduction of phosphorus going into Lake Erie. It is critical that Ohio's dairy farmers be involved in this dialogue or fall victim to regulations and policy that will negatively affect their farms. This past year has been increasingly challenging as ODPa dealt with Governor Kasich's Executive Order. ODPa continues to be deeply engaged, in collaboration with Ohio's livestock organizations, to provide input to the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission and leadership in the legislature to offer reasonable solutions.
- **Representing dairy farmers** on the Harmful Algae Bloom Research Initiative project to ensure that reasonable and scientifically-based methods are used to determine the projected effect of manure best management practices.
- **Seeking support from ODA and the legislature to establish financial assistance for livestock farmers to fund 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.



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. ODPa believes the term "milk" by manufacturers of plant-based beverages is a violation of milk's standard of identity and are concerned that other dairy terms are also being misappropriated for imitation butter, yogurt, cheese and ice cream.
- **Meeting with Congressman Gibbs, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown and other Congressional staff** regarding NAFTA and other international trade policies, immigration reform and the 2018 Farm Bill. ODPa is working with National Milk Producers Federation to represent the best interest of Ohio dairy farmers as it relates to the current Farm Bill, including expressing concerns and identifying needed improvements.
- **Working with American Farm Bureau** to support the creation of a federal Dairy - Revenue Protection (Dairy - RP) insurance product. Dairy-RP is now available to dairy farmers to purchase risk management protection against declines in quarterly revenue from milk sales.
- **Providing input to Governor-elect DeWine's transition team** on how to best collaborate for success during his administration. ODPa is also providing recommendations for state agency leadership appointments.

ODPA is working hard to make certain your voice is heard!
For questions, call Scott Higgins at 614.890.1425 or visit ODPa.org