

# WCMA News

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### **NEWS**

# **GIVE MILK Act Introduced in Congress**



A new bipartisan bill <u>introduced in</u>
<u>Congress</u> this month could offer additional milk choices for families receiving assistance through the federal Women, Infants, and Nutrition (WIC) program. Lead sponsors Reps. Glenn "G.T." Thompson (PA-15) and Chris DeLuzio (PA-17) have said the <u>legislation</u>, <u>dubbed the GIVE</u>
<u>MILK Act</u>, would allow WIC participants to purchase whole, 2 percent, or reduced fat milk through the program. Current WIC guidelines restrict milk purchases to nonfat or 1 percent varieties only. **READ MORE...** 

# **Producer Price Index Suggests Inflation on the Horizon**



Following higher tariffs on imported goods from dozens of countries, consumer prices may be on the rise, according to a new report from the U.S. Department of Labor. Numbers released last Thursday show that the producer price index, which is used as an early measure of inflation, rose 0.9 percent in July - the largest month-to-month jump since March 2022. This increase suggests that while producers have thus far been absorbing the additional costs of rising tariffs, those costs could be passed on to consumers. READ MORE...



WCMA members operating in Wisconsin can apply now through October 31 for a new round of **International Market Access Grants (IMAGs)** through the Wisconsin **Economic Development Corporation** (WEDC). Companies can use funds to cover export growth expenses including trade show attendance, marketing and promotion, export education, and consulting services. For complete details and to register for a free informational webinar on September 4, visit WEDC's website.

#### **Headlines**

#### Wisconsin

- Milwaukee Magazine: Hill Valley Dairy opens Milwaukee cheese bar in Walker's Point (Featuring WCMA member Hill Valley Dairy)
- WLUK-TV: Celebrate National Goat Cheese Month with a sweet twist at LaClare Creamery (Featuring WCMA member Mosaic Meadows - LaClare Family Creamery)

#### **National & Global**

- Yahoo! News: Arla Foods invests in Bahrain cheese production expansion
- MSN: China extends probe into EU dairy products
- NBC News: Woman, saying raw milk sickened her toddler and led to loss of unborn baby, sues Florida dairy farm
- Quality Assurance Magazine: Mindy Brashears nominated for USDA Under Secretary for **Food Safety**

# FEATURED: MEMBERSHIP

# **Reach Thousands: Advertise in WCMA Member Directory**



Act now to secure advertising space in the next edition of WCMA's annual Member Directory, coming in January 2026. Connect your business with over 130 dairy manufacturers, processors, and marketers and over 740 of their trusted supplier partners - all representing thousands of employees at locations across the U.S. and around the world. Full- and half-page options in this full-color publication are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**PLACE YOUR AD** 

# **Show Your WCMA Member Pride with New Logo**

Show your support for the dairy processing industry and display your status as an active, engaged part of WCMA with our newest exclusive member benefit: a "Proud





Member" logo. Available in three variations to suit your desired use, this new logo is free to all current members in accordance with WCMA's Logo Terms of Use. All assets are available for download now at WisCheeseMakers.org Have questions? Please contact WCMA Membership Director Sara Schmidt.

#### **WCMA Welcomes New Members**















Join WCMA in welcoming new supplier members <u>Mavo Systems, Inc.</u>, <u>Stuart Tank Sales Corp.</u>, <u>Aon</u>, <u>Partners For Process</u>, <u>Simolex Rubber Corp.</u>, <u>Badger State Cold Storage</u>, and <u>Res-Tek</u>.

View these and hundreds of other WCMA members now in our searchable <u>online</u> <u>directory</u>.

Have questions about WCMA membership? Contact WCMA Membership Director Sara Schmidt.

# **EDUCATION**

# **Claim Limited Spaces in WCMA Front-Line Leadership Classes**



Fewer than 10 spaces remain available in the next in-person offerings of WCMA's Front-Line Leadership course this fall, exclusively sponsored by Nelson-Jameson. This popular training is offered in three parts that can be taken a la carte and in any order. Designed for both new and seasoned supervisors, the course will help staff build their skills in the areas of conflict resolution, communication, stress and time management, and cultivating a team mentality. Act now to join!

**VIEW & REGISTER** 

# **Industry Training Spotlight: CDR Food Safety Courses**

Registration is open now for <u>new short</u> <u>course offerings</u> through the Center for Dairy Research (CDR), including three in-



person food safety trainings:

- September 16-18: <u>PCQI Training</u> <u>Course</u> (Only four spaces left)
- October 7-8: Advanced Sanitation
- October 9: <u>Environmental</u> <u>Monitoring</u>

Space is filling quickly, so register now. Questions may be directed to **CDR staff**.

# For more educational opportunities from WCMA and our partners, visit:

WisCheeseMakers.org/Events

### **EVENTS & CONNECTION**

# RSVP Now for WCMA Annual Member Meeting & Awards Ceremony



Reserve your seat now for a day of networking, learning, and celebration with fellow WCMA members at WCMA's Annual Member Meeting and Awards Ceremony on October 21 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Start your day with networking at 10:00 a.m., followed by an engaging panel-style seminar, a catered lunch, and WCMA's first-ever Member Impact Awards Ceremony. Thanks go to meeting sponsor Proaction International for their generous support. Registration and additional sponsorships are available for a limited time, so act now!

**RSVP NOW** 

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## **Upcoming WCMA Events**

August 28	September 9	September 11	September 17
Young Professionals Brewer Game Outing	Train the Safety Trainer (In-Person)	Free Webinar: Discover the Power of WCMA Membership	Front-Line Leadership Part A: Essential Leadership (In-Person)

# **VIEW ALL & REGISTER**

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