

National Farmers Resolutions

Resolutions passed by its member-farmers guide all policy work at National Farmers. Those resolutions cover many topics. Here are some of the resolutions most relevant to our current dairy policy initiatives.

Support for Family Dairy Farms

National Farmers supports family dairy farms because they enhance rural economies, preserve the environment, and assure food security. By “family dairy farm,” we mean dairy farms that meet these six criteria:

- 1)The farmer owns the business.
- 2)The farmer controls marketing of milk produced on the farm.
- 3)The farmer makes day-to-day management decisions.
- 4)The farmer resides on or near the farm.
- 5)The farmer is physically and substantially involved in day-to-day care of animals and field work.
- 6)The farmer purchases supplies, inputs and services locally.

Opposition to Bloc Voting

Eliminate bloc voting on all matters relating to dairy activities covered under the Capper-Volstead Act, governmental referendums, Federal Milk Marketing Order votes and agricultural promotion plans to give producers an opportunity to vote individually. Each dairy producer with production affected by any referendum vote would have one vote, and all tabulations would be completed using the "one farmer-one vote" method. The volume produced by an individual producer would not be taken into account on any referendum vote count.

Leveling the Playing Field for Smaller Farms

A USDA study shows a cost of production per cwt range of approximately \$4.50 among dairy farms of all sizes, family-size dairies

on the upper end and large dairies on the lower end of the scale. Therefore, we support a two-tier pricing system under one national Federal Milk Marketing Order with at least a \$4.00 per cwt price adjustment for all farms up to one million pounds of monthly production.

Support for Balancing Production and Consumption

Dumping milk during times of National Food Insecurity is completely contrary to the principles of National Farmers. We favor and support programs intended to balance production and consumption. These programs would necessarily satisfy the following criteria: (1) That the needs of the nation's food-deprived families be met; (2) That farm gate prices for producers meet the cost of production plus a reasonable profit; (3) That the share of the nation's milk supply sourced from family farms be increased.