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The Ohio Dairy Producers Association thanks you for your support. From policy to regulatory issues and image to education, your investment in ODPA makes a difference! Check out what ODPA is doing for Ohio's dairy farmers:

- **Providing testimony, activating members and offering position statements on Ohio legislation and key issues that may impact Ohio dairy farmers.**
- **Educating Ohio's legislators about the importance of Ohio's dairy industry** and the economic contribution dairy farmers make to our state through personal meetings, events and letters.
- **Working with Ohio's leadership and state agencies such as the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), Ohio Department of Education (ODE) and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)** to monitor and assess the impact of rules and regulations that may affect dairy farmers and the products they produce.
- **Facilitating producer education and dialogue on Federal dairy policy for the 2012 Farm Bill.**
- **Providing farmer input on proposed rules and new agricultural techniques** related to water quality issues throughout Ohio's watershed areas to the Directors' Agricultural Nutrients and Water Quality Working Group.
- **Engaging with the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board (OLCSB)** to safeguard the future of Ohio dairy farmers and to communicate the newly established standards to the dairy community.
- **Spearheaded the OLCSB Dairy Subcommittee** with six ODPA members and one staff member participating in the committee to draft and negotiate dairy-specific guidelines.
- **Fought for Ohio's Dairy Labeling Rule to address false and misleading dairy labels.** Unfortunately, ODA was forced to withdraw the labeling law to avoid paying \$1.3 million of legal fees to the International Dairy Foods Association and the Organic Trade Association as demanded by their lawsuit.
- **Facilitated dairy industry involvement and provided input to protect milk and dairy foods** during the creation of the Ohio's Healthy Choices for Healthy Children school legislation. As a result, ODPA has been provided a seat to serve **on the Healthy Choices for Healthy Children Council.**
- **Promoting a positive image of dairy farmers** through a joint effort with the dairy checkoff program that highlights real-life stories of Ohio's dairy farmers.
- **Exploring the creation of a Human Resources Management "toolkit"** to assist dairy farmers in properly hiring and training farm workers, as well as communicating cow and calf care expectations to employees.
- **Representing Ohio's dairy farmers** on national taskforces, state committees and advisory boards such as Ohioans for Livestock Care, Ohio Livestock Coalition, ODA CAFF Advisory Board, Milk Sanitation Board, ODNR Pollution Abatement Taskforce, Directors' Agricultural Nutrients and Water Quality Working Group Healthy Choices for Healthy Children Council and NMPF Immigration Task Force.

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