

Western Organic Dairy Producers Alliance

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WODPA Needs You!

WODPA is an organization of, for, and by organic dairy producers. WODPA is the ONLY organic dairy organization working specifically for organic dairymen in the Western United States.

WODPA is responding to USDA on initiatives of significant impact on organic dairy producers, including:

1. USDA's animal welfare proposed rule.
2. Organic Trade Association's (OTA's) application (and amended application) for implementation of an Organic Check-Off Program
3. OTA's request that USDA implement a USDA Certified Transition Program for the labeling of products from farms transitioning to organic.
4. National Organic Standards Board parasiticide recommendations which will weaken the National Organic Program parasiticide regulations.

While WODPA has a wonderfully dedicated pool of producer volunteers and donors, that pool is too small. WODPA needs you to volunteer your time and contribute financially.

To volunteer your time, you can:

1. Become a Board Member.
2. Serve on the Board Member Nominations Committee.
3. Assist with fundraising.
4. Serve on the Conference Committee.
5. Serve as a conference volunteer (information, registration, voting, vendor assistance, etc.).
6. Serve on an issues Committee.
7. Write an article for our newsletter the Integrity. For example, tell us about you and your farm.

Write about a farming practice that has helped you improve your milk quality, forage production, animal health, or other issue important to the success of your dairy operation.

You can help financially by:

1. Becoming a Producer Milk Assignment Member (\$0.01 per hundredweight shipped),
2. Becoming a Per Head Member (\$1.50 per milking cow per year), or
3. Making a donation in any amount you are comfortable with.

Contact me at rhmathews51@comcast.net to volunteer your time and contribute financially. Additionally, please contact me should you have questions about WODPA or need assistance with issues involving the National Organic Program.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Richard H. Mathews, Executive Director