

Positions that impact the industry

Opposition to discriminatory pricing policies. Historically, federal dairy policy has penalized regions like the Upper Midwest by establishing policies that discriminate against manufactured dairy products, such as cheese, that are the mainstay of our region's dairy industry. The Coalition has built a long history of working to end such discrimination, and promote policies that provide benefits to producers without regard to the end use of milk.

Promoting national approaches to dairy policy. The Coalition has been instrumental in the creation of national dairy policies that effectively provide a counter-cyclical safety net for dairy producers in all regions. The Coalition's approach to policy has been extremely helpful to rural economies of dairy-dependent Upper Midwestern states.



About Us

The Midwest Dairy Coalition is an alliance of dairy cooperatives representing dairy farmers in eight Upper Midwest states. The Coalition collectively represents nearly 11,000 dairy farmers, about 20 percent of the dairy farmers in the nation.

Representing the majority of Upper Midwest dairy farmers, the Coalition provides an effective and useful forum for discussion, debate and common action on dairy issues of the day.



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MIDWEST DAIRY COALITION

Ensuring a voice for Midwest dairy farmers on Capitol Hill.

Working for dairy farmers since 1990

Providing a forum for debate and consensus building on federal dairy policy issues at the regional level is what sets the Midwest Dairy Coalition apart from other associations that are either state-level or national in scope. Coalition membership is diverse and varied from within the region, assuring thorough consideration of issues impacting the dairy industry and the capacity for grassroots-level action, including fly-ins to Washington, D.C.



Why support the Midwest Dairy Coalition?

- **Effective advocacy for the region's dairy farmers.** The Midwest Dairy Coalition provides its members with experienced, effective advocacy on federal dairy policy issues, lessening or eliminating the cost in time and resources of individual organizations establishing their own presence in the nation's capital.
- **Regional in scope.** Unlike statewide or national dairy associations, the Midwest Dairy Coalition represents the unique perspective of Upper Midwest dairy farmers. Through processes of consensus building, it succeeds as an effective regional voice.
- **Grassroots core.** While providing members with professional and consistent representation on the Hill, the Coalition remains a grassroots organization, driven by its members in the policy-making process.
- **Unified voice.** The Coalition provides a time-proven process for debate and consensus building among the sometimes-differing dairy voices of the region so the Upper Midwest can speak with one unified voice.
- **Experience and knowledge.** Established in 1990, the Midwest Dairy Coalition has a proven track record backed by years of successful policy representation. The Coalition is staffed by an experienced Washington-based coordinator with a track record of broad Washington experience in dairy policy, spanning over 20 years in our nation's capital.