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Policy and Influence

SDDP Invited to Senator Thune “Farm Bill Roundtable”:

**SDDP Membership is
Critical. Renew your
membership today!**

SDDP Board Chair Marv Post and Executive Director Tom Peterson were invited to participate in an informative round table hosted at SD Corn, where Senator Thune provided updates and sought feedback regarding the recently passed Farm Bill.



Board Chair Post was invited to express thoughts about what the Farm Bill means to South Dakota dairy producers, as well as where improvements could be made.

Chair Post also utilized the opportunity to focus on issues facing producers not included in a Farm Bill, notably the necessity for a guestworker program to secure on farm labor.

The event illustrated the importance of having a strong statewide association representing South Dakota Dairy Producers and one element of the value that it delivers....a seat at the table of key influencers.

Save the Date:

**SDDP Annual
Meeting**

**January 15th,
2019**

2:30 pm—6:00pm

Contact:

**Tom Peterson at
605.251-2439**

**With questions or
to RSVP**



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REMINDER: Joint SD District Meeting and SDDP Annual Meeting date set for January 15th:

In collaboration with I-29 Moo University Winter Workshop series, the Midwest Dairy SD Districts 1 & 2 meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, January 15th in Brookings at the Swiftel Center. Immediately following, at approximately 2:30 the SDDP Annual Meeting will take place.

A full schedule and agenda will be forthcoming, but plans are to hold the SD District Meetings over an extended lunch period and the SDDP Annual Meeting after the I-29 Moo training sessions conclude. Meetings will include District 1 & 2 elections for terms ending, checkoff updates, and guest panel on dairy cattle reproduction and information on the Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council.

The panel features representatives from Victory Farms, KC Dairy, and representatives from Zoetis and MN Select Sires.

Key Upcoming Events:

2019 SDDP Annual Meeting—2:30pm January 15th , 2019 at the Swiftel Center in Brookings

**2019 SDDP Membership Drive—renewal communication will be coming out late November or early December
~ We Appreciate and Need Our Member's Support and Thank You!**

Please take time to renew SDDP Memberships!

***2019 Industry Membership Application attached with this Newsletter**

***2019 Producer Membership Application attached with this Newsletter**

Contact Tom Peterson at 605.251.2439 with any questions

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