



## SD DAIRY PRODUCERS NEWS

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# 2019 Legislative Session

## SDDP exhibits at 2019 Ag Fest



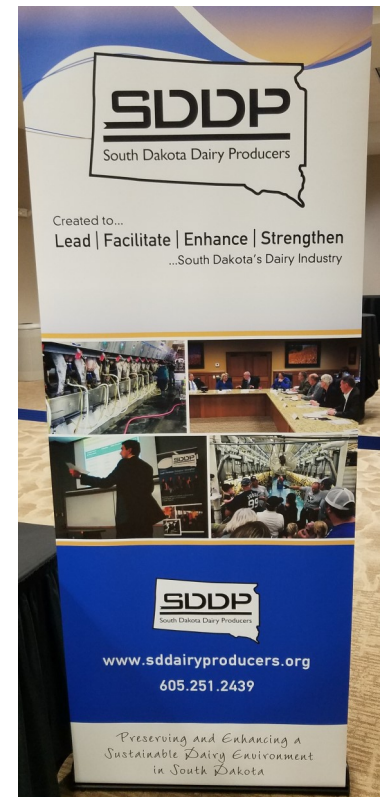
Board Chair Marv Post and Executive Director Tom Peterson took advantage to display and discuss South Dakota produced and recently introduced innovative dairy products with attendees of Ag Unity’s Ag Fest, held annually during the legislative session in Pierre.

An estimated 75 current legislators made their way through the nearly 30 exhibits to gain understanding of product offerings, but more-so to be informed of the tremendous benefits agriculture delivers to the state of South Dakota.

In addition to the legislators, many representatives from state agencies such as South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Governors Office of Economic Development took part in the event.

Key messages included raising awareness on processor expansion and economic development that each dairy cow provides. In addition, focus was put on the critical importance of an “ag friendly” environment for South Dakota producers.

Many law makers who visited the exhibit engaged in lengthy conversation on the industry and it was productive time as most were not deeply familiar with dairy production in the state.



**Thank you to all who have sent in their 2019 SDDP Memberships!**

**A new membership form for Producers and Industry Sponsors is attached with this newsletter. Please complete by February 28th and SDDP thanks you for your support!**



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## Policy and Influence

### SDDP Follows Several Bills in 2019 Legislative Session:

In addition to the 2019 Ag Fest exhibit, SDDP representatives had opportunity to spend time in various House and Senate committee hearings. A bill of interest that was introduced in the Taxation Committee was House Bill 1234 sponsored by Doug Post, House Member from District 7.

HB 1234's stated purpose is to provide funding to schools from the contractor's excise tax on concentrated animal feeding operations. The schools referred to are those within the district the CAFO is being constructed in. Members are encourage to read more on the bill in the SD Legislative Research Council site. The bill passed committee with an 8-5 vote to go on to the House floor. The LRC website direct to 2019 bills is:

[http://sdlegislature.gov/Legislative\\_Session/Bills/Default.aspx?Session=2019](http://sdlegislature.gov/Legislative_Session/Bills/Default.aspx?Session=2019)

### SDDP Executive Director Invited to Legislative Training with Ag Unity:

Executive Director, Tom Peterson had the recent opportunity to join other members of Ag Unity in the 2019 Legislative Training Program. Participating with other Ag Unity members NRCS and SD GF&P, the class met with key State Departments including DENR, DOT, Department of Revenue, and Department of Agriculture. It was a great opportunity to meet 1st hand key individuals within those departments and add to resources necessary when issues face dairy producers and information is needed.



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