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Dairy Fest

SDDP plays important role in Dairy Fest



2019 marked the 6th annual Dairy Fest celebration in Brookings and once again attracted fantastic crowds for each event over the 3 days. SDDP is pleased to support the efforts of Dairy Fest committee with the objectives of connecting farmers to influencers and also raising awareness with consumers of how dairy farmers take great pride in producing the food they enjoy every day; and focus on doing so with great care for the animals and environment.



Secretary of Agriculture Kim Vanneman addresses the Got Milk Gala crowd at 2019 Dairy Fest

The event kicked off with the Got Milk Gala on Thursday evening where farmers and influencers had the opportunity to hear from our South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture, Kim Vanneman, followed by John Vosters from Milk Source LLC. SDDP was pleased to host Secretary Vanneman at the SDDP table, and the evening presented opportunity to visit about current issues facing dairy producers, as well as the tremendous impact that existing and future dairies contribute to the economy of South Dakota. We have appreciated support from South Dakota’s leadership and it is important to retain that relationship into the future.

SDDP involvement then shifted mainly to the farm tour held on Saturday at the Temperli Family’s Crosswind Jerseys. A huge thank you to the Temperli family as the farm tour truly showcased the quality, cleanliness, and efficiencies of many dairy farms today. It was a great opportunity to converse with consumers and the general public with the family engaging with many on the tour throughout the event.





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SDDP provides input for Representative Dusty Johnson visit to South Dakota

On a recent visit to South Dakota, Representative Dusty Johnson was hosted by Walt Bones and a number of farmers to hear first hand how the severe weather impacts of this spring have the potential for tremendous negative effects to farmers. A primary reason to the dialogue was the limitations of current rules in crop insurance, and a looming disaster relative to unplanted acres and forage shortages.

SDDP was able to provide information specific to dairy farmers on possible acres and tons of feedstuffs eliminated from contributing to the feed supply needed by dairies due to the severe winter and the extreme water conditions this spring. SDDP Board member Allen Merrill was able to provide this information to Walt and the group, and together the coalition of farmers presented a clear case to Representative Johnson and Ag Policy staff member John Weber.

Potential solutions for issues like this take time to work through the legislature and various agencies, and SDDP looks for every opportunity to raise awareness of issue that desperately need the attention of our national and state officials.

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June Dairy Month Events (additional information at www.agunited.org)

On Farm:

June 8 – [MoDak Dairy Open House](#), Goodwin. Enjoy free grilled cheese sandwiches and tour the Moes family's 2,000 cow dairy farm from 10am to 12pm on Saturday, June 8.

June 15 – [Breakfast on the Farm at Royalwood Dairy](#), Brandon. The Ode family will host tours of their 380-cow farm and serve free pancakes, milk and other dairy treats from 9am to 1pm on Saturday, June 15. Don't miss performances from children's entertainer Phil Baker and craft project from 'Hood Magazine, too!

June 26 – [Know Your Milk Tour](#). We will host a family-friendly tour of Boadwine Farms from 5:30 to 8:30pm, including dinner at the farm. The tour bus departs from and returns to Sioux Falls. Please visit Ag United's "events" website to register or learn more.

June 29 – [Sunrise Dairy East Open House](#), Clear Lake. 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM 18313 466th Ave • Clear Lake, SD 57226 Lunch will be provided. *****See attached open house invitation for more details.**

Processor or Community:

June 7– [Käsemeister Creamery Open House](#), Frankfort. Visit the farm store for lunch, snacks and samples. Learn more on Ag United's website.

June 8– [Dimock Cheese Fest & Open House](#), Dimock. Enjoy a day of food, live music and fun while sampling new cheeses! Learn more on Ag United's website.

June 13 – [29th Annual Cheeseburger Day](#), Milbank. Valley Queen will host its annual Cheeseburger Day with food, live music and face painting.