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Member Update

South Dakota Dairy Holds Meetings with Senator's Thune and Rounds in Capitol Hill Offices on Labor Crisis

In conjunction with a Washington DC Fly-In coordinated by NMPF, South Dakota Dairy took advantage of the opportunity to drive home a message on the crippling labor crisis to Senator's John Thune and Michael Rounds. Board Chair, Marv Post was joined by SDDP members Lynn and Riley Boadwine to first-hand deliver the message that the failure of Federal legislation to provide a legitimate program for dairy farmers to secure labor continues to put farmers and the dairy industry in South Dakota in a potentially catastrophic position.



With the House passing a measure in December of 2019, the Senate has an opportunity to either improve on the bill or work in bipartisan fashion to draft its own version to provide a real solution to the ag labor crisis. The South Dakota dairy farmers drove home how the crisis impacts not only daily farm operations, but also contributes to a heavy personal stress with the inability to utilize any existing labor program to meet labor needs.



While the timing of the meetings was challenging with the rapid changes and advancements of COVID-19, it exemplified the critical nature of this labor issue and the serious reality that something needs to be done to give dairy farmers assurance they can find workers using a secure, legal program and that local communities can continue to benefit from the economic and social impacts provided by dairy farms in South Dakota and throughout the United States.



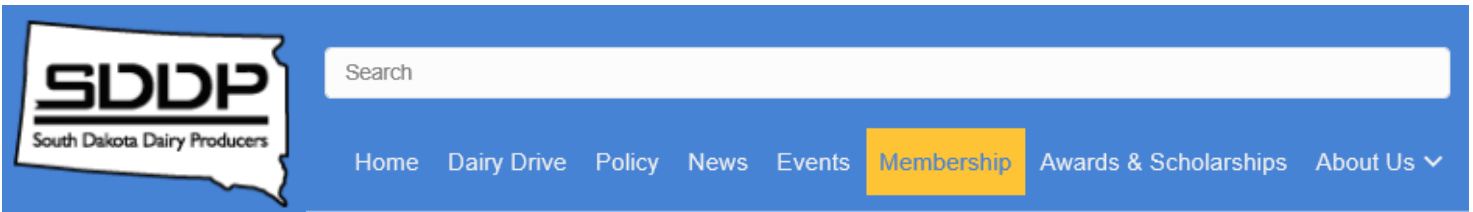
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In addition to South Dakota Dairy representation, other dairy farmers and states participating in the Senate office visits included: Eric Van Wyk and Jason Brockshus from Iowa and Bob Larson from Nebraska. The coalition had office meetings with the South Dakota Senators as well as: Senators Grassley and Ernst from Iowa, and Senators Fischer and Sasse of Nebraska.

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