

The logo for South Dakota Dairy Producers (SDDP) is located at the top left of the page. It consists of the letters "SDDP" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below the letters, the words "South Dakota Dairy Producers" are written in a smaller, sans-serif font. The entire logo is contained within a white rectangular box with a decorative, slightly irregular border.

South Dakota Dairy Producers

January 19, 2021

Governor Kristi Noem
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Executive Order - DANR

Dear Governor Noem,

We write on behalf of South Dakota Dairy Producers (SDDP) in support of the Executive Order to merge the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and the DENR. SDDP has been a voice for dairy since 2009 and has worked to promote dairy in South Dakota, bringing dairy farmers together with suppliers and processors to represent all dairy farms regardless of size, operating style or location.

We support the Executive Order to create a single Department of Ag and Natural Resources and are in agreement on efficiencies to be gained by eliminating duplicated services, streamlining staff time, and reducing overall program costs. We also agree with the perspective that Agriculture, conservation, and natural resource protection go hand-in-hand. Conservation and preservation are engrained into farmers who are stewards of the land and in most cases pass it down for generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marv Post", is written over a horizontal line.

Date: 1-20-21

Marv Post, Chair

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