

SD DAIRY PRODUCERS NEWS

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SD State Legislature Update:



- HB 1038: Authorize funding to State Conservation Fund SDDP supports—Passed House appropriations committee.
- HB 1040: Provide \$5M to create meat processing grants for small plants SDDP supports—Passed House appropriations committee.
- HB 1042: Enhance incentives for voluntary buffer strips SDDP supports—Passed House ag and natural resources committee.
- HB 1153: Authorize SD Board of Regents to contract for construction and design of a dairy research farm at SDSU SDDP supports—Assigned to House ag and natural resources committee pending hearing date.
- SB 52: Extend state permit length from 5 years to 10 years

 SDDP supports—Passed Senate ag and natural resources. Sent to house and referred to House ag and natural resources committee.
- SB 99: Fund SD State Fair events center replacing the Beef Complex SDDP supports—Referred to Senate ag and natural resources committee pending hearing date.
- HB 1121: Limit control of township, county, and municipal entities regarding sales of "home grown" food/products.

 SDDP requests clarification—concern would be ensuring that existing state statute pertaining to raw milk sales is not jeopardized by this bill.

SDDP has provided written testimony as a proponent in all bills where a support position is indicated and continues to monitor in conjunction with our barnyard and farmyard friends.

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Annual Meeting Update:

Mark your calendar Friday, February 26th, 2021.

Plans are underway for the SDDP Annual Meeting in conjunction with the SD District Meeting and Midwest Dairy update. Plans also include a social hosted by Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative which will lead into the annual Dairy Drive basketball at SDSU. We hope you will make plans to attend an afternoon of state dairy updates in South Dakota and an evening of fun basketball celebrating the dairy community!

More details and information to come.









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