



# SD DAIRY PRODUCERS NEWS

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**South Dakota Dairy joins Edge, MN Milk, DBA of Wisconsin, and Nebraska State Dairy Association supporting the Class III Plus proposal for milk pricing reform.**



After lengthy assessment of various proposals to recommend changes to the FMMO, SDDP has signed on in support of the Class III Plus proposal presented by Edge and many neighboring state trade organizations (see attached original press release for proposal details). SDDP Task Force members Marv Post, Michael Crinion, and Allen Merrill participate in bi-weekly update calls with the greater task force to keep apprised of movement around these proposals.

SDDP is supportive of the Class III Plus proposal with a desire for following outcomes:

- Give members the educational tools for a better understanding of milk pricing and the FMMO
- Utilize this as an opportunity to develop a long term solution to the FMMO and one that addresses the future of milk marketing, not the past
- Slow down the efforts of others (including NMPF) for a quick fix that may not accurately represent the largest percentage of dairy farmers
- Continued refinement of the Class III Plus proposal to create the “best” solution
- Use coalition unification as a way to encourage NMPF and other stakeholders to develop a single proposal to bring forward to USDA at some point

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## SDDP awarded grants from Central Plains Dairy

### Foundation:

SDDP was recently successful in being awarded 2 separate grants from the Central Plains Dairy Foundation to support Scholarships and develop an economic benefit study utilizing funding from their Dairy Innovators Grant.



Central Plains Dairy Foundation

**Scholarships:** SDDP was awarded funding to set up 2 scholarships to support students furthering their education in the area of dairy production and manufacturing. Eligible students will be able to apply from either South Dakota State University majoring in Dairy Production/Manufacturing or Lake Area Technical College if enrolled in the Dairy Program. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be selected in 2021 receiving the proceeds in 2022.

**Dairy Innovators Grant:** SDDP was awarded \$5,000 to be utilized in developing additional tools supporting the economic contributions dairy makes to South Dakota and local communities. A study is currently underway using data collected from select counties and select farm sizes which will result in a tool that can be used to effectively communicate with county officials, influencers, and the general public on the overall economic and community benefits that dairy farms and the industry contribute.

Thank you to the Central Plains Foundation Board for supporting the industry to further promote the growth and vibrancy of dairy in South Dakota.

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