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SDDP Presents Friend of South Dakota Dairy to Tim Czmowski at Central Plains Dairy Expo



SDDP was proud to recognize Tim Czmowski as the recipient of the 2022 SDDP Friend of South Dakota Dairy at this year's Central Plains Dairy Expo. SDDP Board Chair Marv Post presented the award and Tim was joined on stage by many within the dairy community. Tim has been a tireless promoter of the dairy industry in South Dakota dating back to his days on the family farm, graduating from the SDSU Dairy Science program, and many leadership positions with key dairy manufacturing companies in the region including Valley Queen and Agropur. Tim was also instrumental with the development of the "South Dakota Dairy Drive" collaborating with stakeholders throughout the dairy community to address what at the time were declining milk cow numbers. Tim retired from Agropur in 2022, but remains actively involved in promoting South Dakota as a great place for dairy.

On behalf of SDDP, congratulations Tim!

SDDP Key Priorities Ahead:

*Input on USDA proposed rules regarding WIC and School Lunch limitations on dairy products to those who need them most.

South Dakota's Foreign Ag Ownership: Appears like this will continue to be pursued on a state legislative basis moving forward. SDDP will have representation and input with any committee or work on this measure.

Washington DC Fly In: Preliminary plans are underway for a joint DC Delegation visit along with the NMPF Annual State Summit with a September timeline.



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Farm Bill Forum Draws Large Crowd at Central Plains Dairy Expo



Dairy Farmers turned out in full force for a panel to listen to Federal representatives discuss the upcoming Farm Bill as part of a new education event at Central Plains Dairy Expo. Being during the week, it is very difficult to have Members attend in-person, but SDDP coordinated representation from Senator Mike Rounds office as well as Representative Dusty Johnson. Rebecca Herman and Reid Rasmussen (Senator Rounds and Representative Johnson’s offices respectively) shared priorities from their Members including protecting the integrity of risk management programs including crop insurance and dairy margin coverage, CRP programs that “work”, and ensuring that agriculture interests are represented strongly with the SNAP measures of the Bill. SDDP thanks both Rebecca and Reid for their participation!

Standing Room Only at Joint Reception at Central Plains Dairy Expo!



The annual joint State Trade and Midwest Dairy reception continues to grow every year and this year attendees had the opportunity to participate in a “Taste & Learn” experience featuring innovative dairy product samples from several checkoff partners. The event also drew Members of dairy state trade associations to network and share insights from all states. If you haven’t participated before, mark your calendar for the 2024 CPDE event.



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