



SD DAIRY PRODUCERS NEWS

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SDDP Meets with Senator Thune on 2023 Farm Bill:



Senator Thune extended an invitation for SD Dairy to get together and provide input on his work with the upcoming 2023 Farm Bill. In addition to emphasizing the importance of protecting crop insurance, streamlining conservation programs, and livestock indemnity programs, SDDP prioritized the following:

1. Do no harm to risk management programs like DMC/DRP
2. Farm labor needs—shift to visa reform not immigration
3. Modernization of FMMO—ensure proposals are inclusive of the entire dairy industry



Save the Date:

The 2023 SD Dairy Annual Open Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2nd at the SDSU Raven Precision Ag Building on campus in Brookings, SD. As in past years, the SDDP Annual Meeting is in conjunction with the Midwest Dairy SD District Meeting which kicks off with a noon lunch. The SDDP meeting is expected to begin around 3:00pm. Agenda items include:

- Review of 2022 outcomes and look ahead to 2023
- Approval of proposed 2023 working budget
- Election of 3 board positions with terms ending in 2023
- Approval of resolution supporting Ag Development

Please contact Tom Peterson at 605.251.2439 with any questions or to confirm attendance.

You are Invited

TO ATTEND YOUR DISTRICT MEETING!

Thursday, February 2nd, 2023 | 12:00 PM
SDSU Raven Precision Ag Building - Room 176
Brookings, SD

- Noon Lunch
- Local Elections (District and Division)
- Checkoff In Action Panel Presentation
- SD Dairy Producers Annual Meeting
- Interact and network with fellow SD Dairy Farmers

The day concludes with a social at 5:00 PM and annual Dairy Drive basketball game at SDSU Frost Arena.



RSVP is appreciated.
Text or call Tom Peterson at 605-251-2439 with any questions and to RSVP.



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South Dakota Legislative Session Kicks off in Pierre:

The 2023 South Dakota Legislative session kicked off in Pierre on January 10th. SDDP has contracted with lobbyist Lorin Pankratz with assistance from Brenda Forman to represent SD Dairy interests in this session. Early potential bills SDDP will be monitoring include:

- Foreign Ownership of Agriculture Land
- Digester bill for digesters not constructed directly on a dairy permitted site
- Any bills dealing with zoning



While there have been many bills dropped on the LRC website, several of these are pending final text so we are awaiting DANR communication on timelines. Lorin will be monitoring and reporting back as things progress.

SDDP 2023 Membership Drive: Thank you in advance for continued support and if you're not a member please join to help support and protect the great and growing dairy industry in South Dakota!

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