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SDDP Engages With House Representative Dusty Johnson:

On request from Congressman Dusty Johnson for dairy farmer and industry input, SDDP engaged with the representative on 3 separate occasions during June National Dairy Month.

At Valley Queen Cheese, dairy farmers and VQ leadership brought forward optimism but also were able to voice concerns over current issues of high inflation, supply chain interruptions, and of course labor and the lack of any secure work force program.



The very next day SDDP was invited to participate in a Farm Bill panel of commodity leaders with Representative Johnson and G.T Thompson a Pennsylvania Representative and GOP Leader of the House Ag Committee. SDDP thanked the two members of the Ag Committee for providing a good foundation with the current Farm Bill and encouraged them to do no harm to existing risk mitigation programs in the bill. SDDP also asked them to review certain limitations with programs to ensure caps and limits match up with how dairy has evolved in South Dakota specifically.



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Upcoming Dairy Open House Event:

*visit www.agunited.org for more information on the event below

July 16, 2022 – Boadwine Dairy – Baltic, SD 10am – 2pm

SDDP/Dusty continued:

Representative's Johnson and Thompson also made time for an appearance at the National Holstein Convention held in Sioux Falls. SDDP Board Chair Marv Post, Vice Chair Randy Gross, SDDP member (and state representative) Randolph Gross, and SDDP Board Member Darrel Rennich joined dairy farmers from several states across the nation to bring forward input on the upcoming Farm Bill. In addition to previously mentioned concerns, Representative Thompson shared hope for clarity on accurate labeling and his passion for "Whole Milk for Healthy Kids."



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