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Dr. Erin Cortus from the Department of Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering at the University of Minnesota, Lynn Boadwine of Boadwin Farms Inc, and David Skaggs of AgroVive Biologicals comprised our Dairy Sustainability Panel this afternoon. This proved to be a valuable and informative panel discussion to finish up day 1 of the Governor’s Ag Summit!



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Day 2 of the 2023 South Dakota Governor’s Ag Summit started with a warm welcome from [Lake Area Tech](#) President Tiffany Sanderson. We were able to tour the [LATC Ag Department](#) facilities on campus and get an overview of the exciting new innovative technology that LATC strives to offer. We were able to see a drone demonstration after a brief overview of the use of drones in agriculture.

We then proceeded to [Milbank, South Dakota](#) where we had a delightful lunch at their new 4H building, accompanied by valuable insights from [Valley Queen Cheese](#) leadership into the milk collection, cheese-making, and distribution processes. The tour concluded with an inspiring showcase of their commendable philanthropic initiatives within the community and an insightful driving tour of their ongoing expansion project.






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With Input from SD Dairy, SD DANR provides comments to FDA on Labeling of Plant-Based Beverages:

In consult with SD Dairy, the South Dakota Department of Ag and Natural Resources submitted comments on behalf of the dairy industry to the Food and Drug Administration relative to proposed guidance for labeling of plant-based alternative beverages and the use of milk in their marketing. Essentially DANR voiced concern that consumers have a lack of understanding regarding nutrients in plant-based alternatives as truly compared to real dairy milk products, and that plant-based companies who are benefiting from mis-using the work milk in their advertising will not stop simply due to a “voluntary standard” included in the proposal.

SD Dairy appreciates the support of SD DANR in submitting these comments and will continue working with NMPF and others to continue efforts to stop the use of false information when it comes to the use of milk in plant-based advertising and promotion.

DANR’s full comments are included in an attachment, and the introduction and beginning statement is copied here to the right ———->>>>>



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Food and Drug Administration
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Submitted via www.regulation.gov
Docket No.: FDA-2023-D-0451

**Re: South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources’
(DANR) Comments on Docket Number. FDA-2023-D-0451, “Labeling of
Plant-based Milk Alternatives and Voluntary Nutrient Statements; Draft
Guidance for Industry”**

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed labeling of plant-based milk guidance published in the federal register on February 23, 2023, docket number FDA-2023-D-0451.

South Dakota Dairy Industry

South Dakota is home to one of the most robust and rapidly growing dairy industries in the nation. According to a study completed by the USDA-National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS) in 2020, South Dakota milk production for the year totaled 1.474 billion pounds, an 11% increase from 2019. South Dakota’s dairy industry works to supply the nation with ready to consume milk, cheese, and many other dairy products. Producers have worked hard to establish a good rapport with consumers, and continued misinformation between milk and plant-based milk alternatives will have a detrimental effect on that relationship.

***Hope to see many of you
at the Central Plains
Dairy Expo annual golf
outing in less than 1
week!!!***





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