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Summer Events Raise Awareness on SD Dairy Industry

South Dakota's Dairy Industry was well represented at many of the state's fairs and agriculture celebrations through the course of the summer. Dairy exhibits were present at the Turner County Fair, Brown County Fair, Sioux Empire Fair, and of course the SD State Fair. Fair goer's were able to learn from young dairy promotion students and participate in many dairy focused activities.

SDDP to Join NMPF at State Summit in Washington DC

NMPF
NATIONAL MILK
PRODUCERS FEDERATION

SDDP representatives will participate in the annual State Summit hosted by the National Milk Producers Federation on September 19th and 20th. SDDP will have the opportunity to share issues facing South Dakota dairy farmers as well as be informed on national issues NMPF is working on. SDDP again joins Iowa State Dairy Association and the Nebraska State Dairy Association to present a "Midwest block" of dairy representation. SDDP also has meetings scheduled with SD Delegation Members on the Hill.

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SDDP Representation at DakotaFest:

SDDP connected with Representative Dusty Johnson and Senator Thune (and Senator Mike Rounds not pictured) at DakotaFest in Mitchell, SD. **Access to our Federal Delegation is a key value of membership in SDDP** as evident with this event and others. In addition to discussions with the Delegation, we also heard an update on the now delayed Farm Bill.

SDDP also participated in a State Legislator "meet & greet" hosted by SD Farm Bureau. A breakfast was held and provided opportunity for SDDP representation to dialogue with current state lawmakers. While the session is a ways off, it is important to remain connected to legislators many of whom have very limited understanding of agriculture and agricultural issues.

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SDDP Represented at 1st South Dakota Trade Organization Summit

SDDP was well represented at the newly formed SD Trade Organization Summit held in Sioux Falls. SDDP Board Members Donovan Coetzee, Doug Ode, Allen Merrill and Marv Post along with ED Peterson heard from trade representatives of foreign countries on export opportunities as well as US trade officials on tactics to expand market access. An additional benefit from the summit was incoming CEO of NMPF Gregg Doud served on one panel and provided SDDP an opportunity for direct dialogue on the dairy industry in South Dakota. He will begin work at NMPF in September and officially as CEO beginning 2024.

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