

Preparing for the 2023 Farm Bill

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THE NATIONAL FAMILY FARM COALITION MEETING

National Family Farm Coalition, of which Family Farm Defenders is a member group, hosted a Fly-In February 6th to 8th in Washington D.C. Twenty some persons, representing other farm and fisher organizations were present. The Fly-In included instruction on : How to Conduct One's Self to a Congressperson or their Staff or How Best to Present the Four Issues of Major Concern Identified: Dairy Credit, Land Acessibility, Local Food and Processing. We were divided into four different groups according to our expertise, experience and location of our Congressional District. We then organized within our groups and planned how we could most effectively present our asks.

I represented FFD in the Dairy Group. We asked for championing/support for The Milk from Family Dairies Act, a Step by Step Supply Management Plan to Solve the Loss of Dairies, especially smaller family operated dairies, due to lack of profitability of volatility of their market.

Our group met with 10 different Congressional offices set up by NFFC. My mate, Jim and I met with two of our Wisconsin Legislative offices on our own to talk about The Milk from Family Dairies Act. and other rural issues.

The whole experience was quite wonderful especially because of the spirited young people present, as well as, the planning and organizing for the Fly-In by the NFFC Staff.



Some Attending Members

Sarah Gilliat, *NOFA, New Hampshire*
Rebecca Goodman, *Family Farm Defenders*
Megan Eisen Vos, *Dakota Rural Action, South Dakota*

The Milk From Family Dairies Act



NFFC and our farmer members advocate a common-sense federal dairy policy that uses supply management and price floors to guarantee farmers fair prices while discouraging overproduction. NFFC's **Milk from Family Dairies Act (MFDA)** ensures transparency and fair prices for family dairy farmers, reliable and reasonably-priced dairy products for consumers, and revitalizes rural areas economically and environmentally.

How It Works



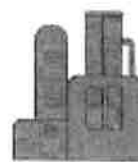
Farmers are paid a fair price for their product, based on their costs of production



Supply and demand are balanced annually using a production base



Better dairy import and export controls



Stronger regional dairy infrastructure



Measures to break up dairy market concentration

How Farmers Benefit



With a price floor, all dairy farmers will receive a fair price for their product.

Beginning farmers and underserved communities are a priority, encouraging younger, more diverse farmers to enter dairy farming.



A farmer board controls production base, which cannot be monetized. Farmers have the power!

How Communities Benefit



Consumers enjoy fair prices and a stable supply of dairy products.

Smaller dairies mitigate climate change, improve soil health, and preserve open space.



Farmers have more economic security, revitalizing entire rural communities.

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