



Dear Fellow Dairy Producer,

As we all know, the dairy industry is still in a perilous state financially. Dairy farmers have been pushed to the brink, and their livelihoods determine the financial well being of our communities. We all know that this is a direct result of failed federal dairy policy, and that it has to change. This is why DPAC (Dairy Policy Action Coalition) was formed as a grassroots coalition of dairy farmers last November (2009). It was started in Pennsylvania, but farmers across the Northeast, Southeast and Central U.S. have joined on to help DPAC in its mission to actively participate, with a unified voice, on policies and issues affecting milk pricing.

Policy Action are the key words that make DPAC stand out from all other farm organizations. DPAC is not a reactive organization. It is focused on being proactive. The coalition hired a full time lobbyist and a professional writer to aid in this action that is fueled by DPAC’s 20-member board of directors—all active dairy producers—along with many ad hoc producer members who serve on action groups within DPAC.

It takes money to run any organization effectively, and a consistent cash flow is needed to maintain our grass-roots efforts for positive change. Like a community fire company: Donors are considered ‘friends’ of DPAC, but the entire community of dairy producers are the members that will benefit.

The 20-member board of directors has donated money, along with other farmers and agribusinesses. Recently, the board has agreed to commit \$60 per month to the organization from each board member.

In one year, the coalition has accomplished a lot. Check out our website at **www.DPAC.net** and see what we are about. Board minutes, updates and other information can all be found at the website. If you agree with our common sense approach to dairy policy, please consider a donation of \$25 to \$50 per month or an amount you are comfortable with.

Please also consider providing names of companies you do business with, who may be interested in contributing. Without the support of the businesses that have stepped forward to-date, this effort would not be possible.

Thank you for your consideration and feel free to contact us with any questions.

Kind Regards,

The Charter Members (Dairy Producers) of the Dairy Policy Action Coalition (All PA dairy farmers except where noted):

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Dairy Producers: *Please provide your information for our communication efforts. Contributors will receive Farmshine.*

Your Name _____ Farm Name _____ # Cows _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Donations are payable to:

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