The Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance (NODPA) Has Supported Organic Dairy Farmers Since 2000. Now, We Need Your Support.

For more than 25 years, NODPA has been a trusted voice for organic dairy farmers, providing independent information, valuable resources, and dedicated advocacy. Today, we are asking for your help to ensure that work continues.

Like the farms and families, we represent, NODPA faces rising costs for printing, postage, website maintenance, Odairy, and other essential services. While dedication and volunteer efforts go a long way, financial support is necessary to keep these resources available.

Your contribution helps NODPA continue delivering this bi-monthly publication six times a year to your door, maintaining online resources, and providing honest, independent representation for organic dairy producers in industry and regulatory discussions. A contribution of just $50 per year—or a few cents from each month's milk check— can make a meaningful difference. We cannot rely on a few to carry the burden; we need our entire community to come together.

NODPA: Fighting for Organic Dairy Farmers for Over 25 Years

"Let Them Eat Grass!" At the 2006 National Organic Program (NOP) Organic Dairy Pasture Symposium, a Maine organic dairy farmer and NODPA founder proudly displayed a sign declaring, "Let Them Eat Grass!" Of course, he meant the cows—not the farmers or the people working tirelessly to protect their livelihoods!
That simple message helped define one of NODPA's greatest accomplishments: ensuring that grazing remains a fundamental requirement of organic dairy production. NODPA continues to monitor certifiers, work with the NOP, and advocate for consistent enforcement of organic grazing standards. These protections preserve the integrity of the organic label, maintain consumer trust, and safeguard the farmers who work hard to meet these standards every day.

Advocacy That Makes a Difference

The Pasture Rule. The Origin of Livestock Rule. A voice in Washington. These protections didn't happen overnight, and they didn't happen without determined advocates fighting for organic dairy farmers.
NODPA helped secure the Pasture Rule in 2010 and spent years advocating for the Origin of Livestock Final Rule, implemented in April 2023. Recently, when exemptions threatened to weaken those hard-fought protections, NODPA stood firm.

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These victories helped protect organic integrity, promoted fair competition, and defend family farms from those seeking to undermine the standards that make organic dairy valuable. Today, NODPA continues advocating for consistent enforcement, fair and practical certification requirements, increased certification cost-share assistance, and stronger markets and infrastructure for organic dairy producers. If your farm or business benefits from these protections, you benefit from NODPA's work. And we need your help to keep that work going

Policy May Not Be Exciting, But It Protects Your Livelihood

Organic certification is federally regulated, decisions made in Washington directly affect your farm, your milk check, and your future. That's why NODPA shows up. We've been called persistent, outspoken, and even a little sharp-elbowed. We wear those descriptions proudly because protecting organic dairy farmers sometimes means asking tough questions, challenging powerful interests, and refusing to back down. No matter who buys your milk, NODPA is fighting for you.

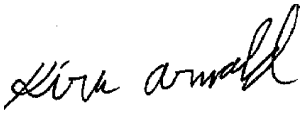
More Than a Newsletter: A Voice for Organic Dairy

Six times a year, NODPA News brings independent, trusted information directly to organic dairy farm families. From milk pay prices, market conditions, and buyer updates to auction reports and classifieds, NODPA News provides information farmers can use. Our featured farm stories celebrate the families behind organic dairy, highlighting the different approaches, challenges, and successes that make this community special. Educational articles and our popular *Ask the Vet* column provides practical knowledge from experienced professionals who understand the realities of dairy farming. Whether you read every page, turn straight to your favorite column, or borrow your neighbor's copy, we hope you recognize the value of keeping this publication alive. Independent information matters, and keeping it in farmers' hands takes financial support.

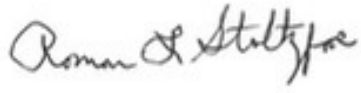
Help Us Keep Fighting for You

For over 25 years, NODPA has stood alongside organic dairy farmers through changing markets, regulatory battles, and countless industry challenges. Much of this work happens quietly, behind the scenes, but its impact reaches farms across the country. Every contribution, large or small, helps preserve independent information, defend organic standards, and ensure that organic dairy farmers continue to have a seat at the table. No other group can provide those services as effectively and with the same integrity as NODPA, **which is why <u>your support is so critical this and every year</u>.**

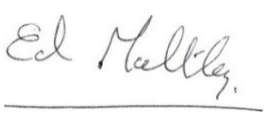
Thank you,



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