

# MIDDLEBURY COOPERATIVE NEWSLETTER

2022/Quarter 3

## BOARD MEMBER BIO

Wade Taylor joined Middlebury Co-op in 2007. He chose Middlebury because he was looking for a small, local co-op. He joined the board in 2022 when an opening became available because he realized the importance of having representation for all types of dairy farms and also the importance for the younger generation to step up.

Wade is a first-generation farmer milking 44 holsteins and brown swiss cows. He also tends to a beef herd, finishing 30 head of steers each year, and grows all the crops needed to feed his animals. In addition to farming, Wade also runs a tri-axle dump truck. When he isn't farming or trucking, he enjoys spending time with his wife and 3 children.



## BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

At our last board meeting the board voted to make an official change to when meetings are held. In the past they were held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, last year it was changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, and they will now be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. This change was made so that we will have the most true and accurate numbers available for setting the marketing adjustment each month.

All members are always welcome to be a part of the meetings. If you have questions, concerns or are just curious about how the meetings are run, please come to one.

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*“Agriculture is the most healthful, most useful, and most noble employment of man.”*  
— George Washington

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## DRIVEWAYS AND MILK TRUCKS

As winter is quickly approaching please be aware of the condition of your driveway for your milk truck. Some of our trucks run late at night into the morning, if there is a heavy snow please do what you can to keep your driveway clear for them.

We have had a few incidents where vehicles or equipment have blocked the way for the truck to be able to get to the milkhouse. Please be conscious of where your equipment is for when the truck is coming. The truck drivers are not going to move equipment for you, this would be a big liability for them on the off-chance that something happened.

It is always important to work together with our hauling companies. If you have any issues or complaints please communicate with Lesley or Jack to let them handle the situation.