

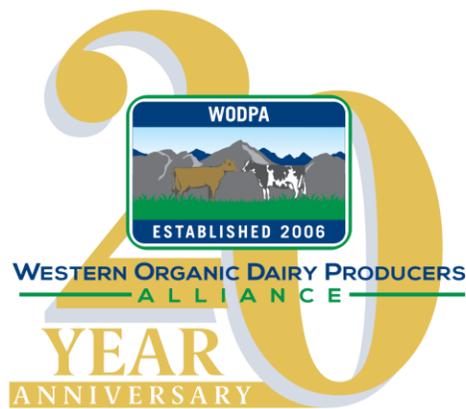
Executive Director's Report for February 2026

WODPA topics of focus this month

1. Staying up to date with government shutdown, Farm Bill, etc.
2. Regional dairy visits and meetings in Oregon & Washington
3. 2026 Membership letters

Legislative/Policy Work

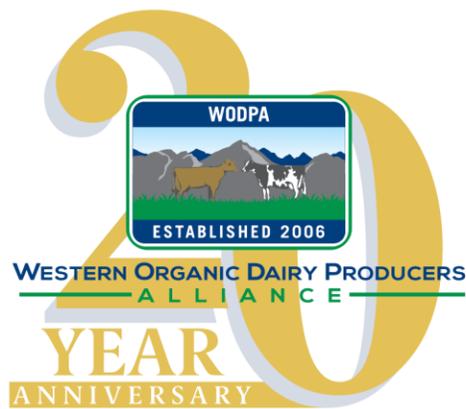
1. "The Organic Dairy Data Collection Act" – H.R. 4110 (attached)
 - a. Sponsors: Rep. Pingree (ME), Rep. Langworthy (NY) and Rep. Wied (WI)
2. "The Organic Dairy Assistance, Investment, and reporting Yields Act of 2025" – Senate 2442 (attached)
 - a. Sponsors: Senator Welch (VT), Senator Gillibrand (NY), Senator Sanders (VT), Sen. Smith (MN), Senator Booker (NJ)
3. "Domestic Organic Investment Act (DOIA)"
 - a. Sponsors: Sen. Baldwin (WI), Sen. Collins (ME), Rep. Salinas (OR), Rep. Van Orden (WI)
4. "Opportunities in Organic Act of 2026" – H.R. 7318
 - a. Sponsors: Rep. Panetta (CA), Rep. Adams (NC), Rep. Tonko (NY), Rep. Lieu (CA), Rep. Tokuda (HI), Rep. Lofgren (CA), Rp. Pingree (ME)
5. Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act – S. 222, H.R. 649
 - a. Signed into law!
6. Federal Government Status
 - a. Congress approved a bill last week that will fund almost all federal agencies until September 30, bringing an end to a short partial shutdown.
 - b. GT Thompson, Chair of the House Agriculture Committee, is pushing forward efforts to develop a revised version of the Farm Bill.



- c. Timeline breakdown was provided by OFA if you are interested in seeing how we got here: https://organicfarmersassociation.org/news/february-2026-policy-update/?source=email-february26-e-news&link_id=8&can_id=6c2f6c2dbcbfab7c2d79e37ce3c3a8da&email_referrer=email_3070388&email_subject=where-we-are-with-a-farm-bill-other-updates-from-ofa

Farmer Resources & Financial Opportunities:

1. National Organic Farmer Education Network (NOFEN)
 - a. <https://organicfarmersassociation.org/organic-events/>
2. Organic Dairy Exemption Request Form
 - a. [AMS-15 - Organic Exemption Request Form | Agricultural Marketing Service \(usda.gov\)](https://ams.usda.gov/AMS-15-Organic-Exemption-Request-Form)
3. Mercaris/ Argus update:
 - a. Mercaris/Argus collecting statements for Q4 2025 (October, November, December)
 - i. Send statements to AgData@ArgusMedia.com
 - ii. All organic dairy producers can submit statements. Only paid- in WODPA members can see the survey results.
 - iii. SEND IN YOUR STATEMENTS NOW PLEASE
 - b. Q3 (July, August, September 2025) final report should be available any day
4. Halter Virtual Fencing sign-ups are still available
 - a. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMsY7fedjj96_gxaJT4wIOQXxhGWBoASdH-DN-Opjz8dFRw/viewform



Reminders/ Resources:

- a. Lunchtime Learning: Kemin Animal Nutrition & Health
 - i. April 2nd @ 11:30am PST
 - ii. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/81741226044?signature=vmFFF508wen6siTuldfmkELrBZLjPwMqKsiS7kLci8>
Meeting ID: 817 4122 6044
Passcode: 399611
- b. Management of Organic Dairy Youngstock Survey
 - i. [Brochure 1page Final](#)
 - ii. Pays \$250 to complete
- c. Dairy Margin Coverage Program (DMC)
 - i. Deadline to enroll is February 26, 2026
 - ii. <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/programs/dairy-margin-coverage-program-dmc>