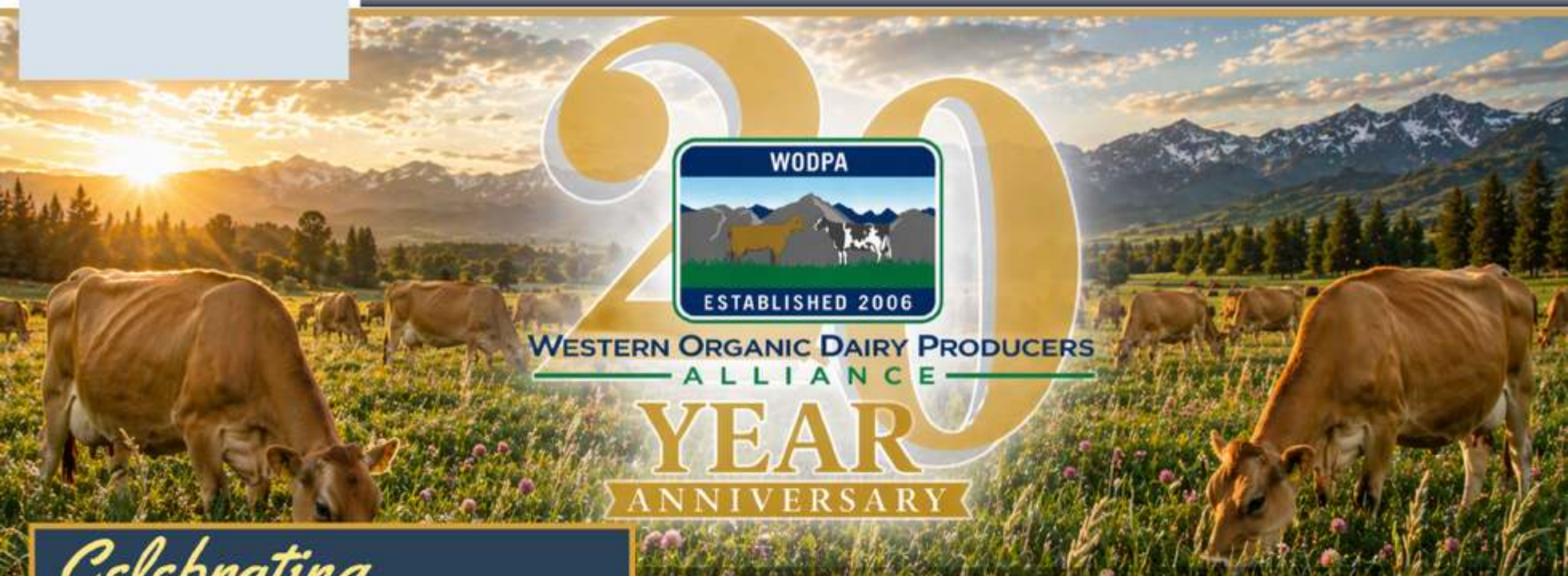


NEWSLETTER



Celebrating 20 YEARS OF SUPPORTING ORGANIC DAIRY PRODUCERS

The Mission for the Western Organic Dairy Producers Alliance is to preserve, protect, and ensure the sustainability and integrity of organic dairy farming across the West.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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|  | SEPT 24-26 | 26TH ANNUAL WODPA FIELD DAYS
Leesport, Pennsylvania |
|  | OCT 27-28 | 20TH ANNIVERSARY WODPA CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW
Chico State University Farm,
Chico, California |

For more event information, please visit our website.

What WODPA is Doing for You and Your Dairy

2026 has been an exciting year for WODPA, with continued market growth, strong advocacy, and meaningful engagement across the organic dairy industry. This year, the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service released the **Common Organic System Plan (OSP)** templates, providing a standardized resource that complies with USDA organic regulations. WODPA has also prioritized advocacy for the addition of **Meloxicam** to the National List of Allowed Substances, while continuing to submit comments, letters of support, and work with state and federal lawmakers to advance policies that benefit organic agriculture and strengthen the next Farm Bill. Beyond advocacy, WODPA has remained committed to educating and supporting producers through webinars, stakeholder outreach, and extensive resources on **New World Screwworm** prevention and preparedness. Our monthly e-newsletter continues to provide timely industry updates, funding opportunities, and producer resources. If you're not already subscribed, we'd love to add you to our mailing list. We're excited to launch this newsletter as another way to keep you informed and connected. Thank you for your continued support of WODPA—we look forward to serving you throughout the rest of 2026.



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Recap of 2026 LUNCHTIME LEARNINGS

WODPA partners with stakeholders to host Lunchtime Learning webinars that reach more than 250 organic dairies and other stakeholders across the United States. These webinars are free to those in the livestock industry and are promoted through our stakeholder network and affiliated organizations.



To learn more about Lunchtime Learning opportunities, contact wodpa@outlook.com.



Project Talks with NRCS was presented virtually on January 15th and focused on how dairy farmers can advocate effectively when working with NRCS and other USDA offices.

A key takeaway was that farmers should speak up for themselves and their operations if they believe they qualify for a program.



Intestinal Health: A Foundation for Performance in Organic Dairies, sponsored by Kemin Animal Nutrition & Health, was presented virtually on April 2nd by Dr. Elliot Neto. The webinar focused on CLOSTAT Green, an OMRI-listed direct-fed microbial designed to support gut health, immune function, and overall dairy cattle performance.

A live recording, FAQ sheet, and specification sheet and contact information is available on our website.



Where Food Comes From Organic: WFCFO's Pasture Rule Refresh & Common Non-Compliances was presented virtually on June 10th by Jamie Abbott, Director of Organic Operations at Where Food Comes From. The webinar reviewed NOP pasture rule and common organic certification and Validus animal welfare non-compliances, helping farmers avoid issues in the future.

A live recording is available on our website.



2026 STAKEHOLDER DIRECTORY

The WODPA Stakeholder Directory was designed to connect organic dairy producers with trusted businesses, services and resources that support the organic industry.



CHECK YOUR MAILBOX SOON OR FIND THE ELECTRONIC VERSION ON OUR WEBSITE.

3 LEVELS OF STAKEHOLDER MEMBERSHIP

CHOOSE THE LEVEL THAT WORKS BEST FOR YOU

PLATINUM



- Your logo featured on WODPA's home page as a Platinum Stakeholder with a yearlong link to your website
- Monthly publicity for marketing of new products & advertisements
- Recognition of your Platinum membership in our correspondence & social media
- Subscription to our monthly e-newsletter
- Receive a 300 word advertisement in our e-newsletter

PLUS MORE!

\$1,500.00

GOLD



- Medium sized company logo on WODPA's Stakeholder webpage with company description & link to your website
- Recognition of your Gold membership in all correspondence and social media
- Your business logo included in all WODPA e-newsletters with link to your website
- Subscription to our monthly e-newsletter

\$750.00

STAKEHOLDER



- Recognition of your membership in all of WODPA's correspondence and social media platforms
- Business listing in our e-newsletters and on our website with link to your company's homepage
- Subscription to our monthly e-newsletter
- Your company listed as a Collaborator in our Conference promotional materials

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Your membership helps support organic dairy producers, strengthen advocacy, and build a thriving future for our industry.



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2026 Industry Outlook

An Update on Organic Dairy in the West

Lia Sieler, Executive Director, WODPA

The Western organic dairy sector enters the second half of 2026 from a position of market strength, supported by favorable milk prices and continued consumer demand. However, producers continue to navigate significant operational challenges, including persistent drought conditions, tightening water supplies, escalating feed costs, and input shortages. The emergence of New World Screwworm in the Southwest has added another layer of uncertainty, underscoring the importance of proactive monitoring and coordinated industry response efforts. As these issues continue to evolve, WODPA remains actively engaged with industry partners, regulators, and policymakers to ensure the interests of organic dairy producers are represented. Continued advocacy, collaboration, and access to timely information will be critical to maintaining the resilience and long-term viability of organic dairy operations throughout the Western United States. Organic dairy producers in the Western United States are currently benefiting from strong milk prices and robust demand. Increased demand nationwide has created a highly competitive market, leading many producers to switch processors or brokers. While some milk has recently become available on the spot market, many industry observers attribute this to the disruption and uncertainty caused by producer movement between processors and brokers rather than a true surplus of milk. At the farm level, drought conditions continue to be a significant challenge across much of the West. Several states are experiencing extreme to exceptional drought, resulting in increased irrigation needs where water is available and requests for National Organic Program (NOP) variances where irrigation is not an option. One of the greatest concerns is the lack of snowpack following an unusually mild, almost spring-like winter, which has reduced water supplies heading into the growing season. The USDA Drought Monitor (pictured above) illustrates current drought conditions compared to historical norms. Water restrictions are already being imposed on farmers in many areas, driving up production costs and limiting access to critical inputs. Feed shortages have become increasingly common, with many dairy producers reporting difficulty securing corn and soybeans—even under existing supply contracts. High quality tested hay has been largely unavailable for some time, and the remaining supply is often of lower quality and sold at significantly higher prices. Perhaps the most pressing issue facing Western dairy producers today is the spread of New World Screwworm, particularly in Texas and New Mexico. According to the most recent update from USDA APHIS on June 23, there have been 20 confirmed cases in the United States. WODPA has been working closely with industry stakeholders to monitor developments and advocate for organic dairy farmers during this challenging situation. In early June, WODPA published a comprehensive update outlining the status of New World Screwworm and ongoing response efforts. We encourage members to review the report, New World Screwworm Update – June 2026, for additional information. WODPA will continue working with industry partners to advocate for and support organic dairy producers as they navigate these evolving conditions.

U.S. Drought Monitor West Region



Map released
Thurs. June 25, 2026
at 8 AM (10)

Intensity

- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data



MARKET UPDATE

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DROUGHT OUTLOOK

- Drought conditions continue across the West with limited snowpack and reduced water supplies.
- Increased irrigation needs and limited water availability are driving up production costs.
- Water restrictions are being imposed on farming many areas, limiting access to critical inputs.



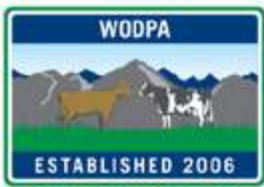
ANIMAL HEALTH ALERT

- The spread of New World Screwworm is a growing concern, particularly in Texas and New Mexico.
- As of June 2023, USDAAPHIS has confirmed 200+ cases of United States. WODPA is closely monitoring developments and advocating for organic dairy farmers.

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WODPA works year-round to ensure organic dairy producers have a strong voice at the national, state and local level. We represent farmers' perspectives when advocating on key issues affecting the dairy industry and collaborate with national organic advocacy groups and industry stakeholders to highlight the issues that matter most to organic producers.



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FARMER BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Representation through industry trade groups in Washington, D.C., and beyond
- Timely updates on new funding opportunities for organic dairy producers
- Access to Mercaris/Argus Media market data for organic and non-GMO commodities, plus reports summarizing organic milk statement data
- A monthly e-newsletter with industry news and updates
- Access to Lunchtime Learning webinars hosted by industry stakeholders
- Connections to helpful resources such as mediation programs and grant opportunities
- A discounted registration rate for the 2026 Conference & Trade Show

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Current Funding OPPORTUNITIES for Producers

Farmers can find updated funding opportunities each month in our e-newsletters and in the Executive Director's report.

Annual opportunities worth reviewing include:

- Organic Exemption Request Form
- Conservation Innovation Grants



Dairy farmers should also keep their **FSA 578 Form** current and on file with their local FSA office.



Find your local FSA office here:

<https://www.farmers.gov/working-with-us/service-center-locator>

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