

## **Executive Director Report for August 2025**

### **WODPA topics of focus this month**

1. Origin of Livestock discussions with certifiers & NOP
2. Congressional outreach for O DAIRY Act, Organic Dairy Data Collection and encouragement for a comprehensive Farm
3. 2025 Conference, Trade Show and Sponsorship Outreach

### **Legislative/Policy Work**

1. “The Organic Dairy Data Collection Act” – H.R. 4110 (attached)
  - a. Introduced by Congresswoman Pingree (D - ME), Congressman Langworthy (R - NY) and Congressman Wied (R - WI)
2. “The Organic Dairy Assistance, Investment, and reporting Yields Act of 2025” – Senate 2442 (attached)
  - a. Introduced by Senator Welch (VT), Senator Gillibrand (NY), Senator Sanders (VT) and Senator Booker (NJ)
3. Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act – S. 222, H.R. 649
  - a. Reintroduce whole and 2% milk to school lunch programs, challenging long-standing USDA guidelines.

### **National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) Nominees**

1. Applications must be received by 9/9
2. Board Positions available:
  - a. 2 individuals who own or operate an organic farming operation or employee of such individual
  - b. Two individuals who represent public interest or consumer groups
  - c. One individual who is a USDA- accredited certifying agent
3. <https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic/nosb/nomination-process>

### **Letter Sign- On**

1. Letter regarding cancellation of the Organic Dairy Product Promotion Program
  - a. Program supported market development for organic dairy and a pilot for American farmers to diversify markets
  - b. Signees: OTA, OFA, NOC, NODPA, WODPA
  - c. Letter attached

### **Farmer Resources & Financial Opportunities:**

1. National Organic Farmer Education Network (NOFEN)
  - a. [Organic Events - Organic Farmers Association](#)
2. Organic Dairy Exemption Request Form
  - a. AMS-15 - Organic Exemption Request Form | Agricultural Marketing Service (usda.gov)
3. Mercaris/ Argus update:
  - a. Q2 2025 Report is now available
  - b. Mercaris/Argus collecting statements for Q3 2025 (July, August, September)
    - i. Send statements to AgData@ArgusMedia.com
    - ii. All organic dairy producers can submit statements. Only paying WODPA members can see the survey results.
    - iii. SEND IN YOUR STATEMENTS NOW PLEASE

### **Reminders/ Resources:**

1. Save the Dates:
  - a. WODPA Conference & Trade Show
    - i. October 28–29, 2025 in Santa Rosa, California
2. 25<sup>th</sup> Annual NODPA Field Days
  - a. September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> in Pompey, NY
  - b. Save the Date! 25th Annual NODPA Field Days, September 25 & 26, 2025, Pompey Rod and Gun Club, 2035 Swift Road, Pompey, NY 13138 - Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance
3. Organic Trade Association's Organic Week
  - a. September 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> in DC
  - b. 2025 Organic Week | OTA