

## **Executive Director Report for December 2025**

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

1. Staying up to date with government shutdown, Farm Bill, etc.
2. 2026 Membership letters
3. Lunchtime Learning Re-launch

### **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. Federal Government Reopened
  - i. Continuing Resolution that funds the government through January 30.
  - ii. Reversed any firings of federal employees that occurred during the partial government closure that began October 1 and prohibits Reduction in Force while the resolution is active.
  - iii. Includes a one- year extension of the Farm Bill programs through September 2026 and suspends permanent agricultural laws that would incentivize Congress to speed work on a full Farm Bill.

### **Letter Sign-Ons and Comments:**

1. Organic Dairy Leaders Urge Emergency Market Adjustment Payment as Northeast Drought Crisis Looms (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. Contract was renewed for 2026 for \$4,150.
    - i. Quoted \$4,300 next year and \$5,000 the year after.
  - b. 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

**Reminders/ Resources:**

- a. Lunchtime Learning: Project Talks with NRCS
  - i. January 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am PST
  - ii. Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83701007435?pwd=EdoeA5MlhCS6oypLU5CVhls2rvGIY.1>  
Meeting ID: 837 0100 7435  
Passcode: 313452
- b. NOC's Simplifying the Paperwork: Recordkeeping Strategies for Organic Farmers
  - i. Wednesday, December 10, 2025 @ 11am PST
  - ii. To register: [Simplifying the Paperwork: Recordkeeping Strategies for Organic Farmers — National Organic Coalition](#)
- c. OFA's Annual Policy Survey (due January 25<sup>th</sup>)
  - i. [OFA 2026 Annual Policy Development \(Closes Jan. 25, 2026\) Survey](#)
- d. Management of Organic Dairy Youngstock Survey
  - i. [Brochure 1page Final](#)
  - ii. Pays \$250 to complete