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? Dairy Producers of New Mexico supports the Dairy Price Support Program at it present support level and full funding and utilization for the Dairy Export Incentive Program.

? Dairy Producers of New Mexico supports national dairy policy that is truly a national policy and not a fragmented one.

? Dairy Producers of New Mexico supports the continued use of Federal Milk Orders to prevent the disorderly marketing of milk. DPNM supports FMMOs and their role in stabilizing and improving the pricing of milk for producers. Its success over the years has been the result of an inclusive and deliberative rulemaking process. DPNM recognizes that for the FMMOs to be effective, they must change from time to time to meet the then current market conditions for milk. Such changes, however, must only be made after the ability of all participants in the marketing of milk (producers as well as cooperatives and handlers) have a full and open opportunity to participate in the rulemaking, proposed rules are made based upon a record from a formal rulemaking hearing, and producers have the right to vote in favor or in opposition of the amended regulations.

? Dairy Producers of New Mexico supports a timely, efficient, and effective Federal Order hearing process.

? Dairy Producers of New Mexico supports the full implementation of import tariffs, many of which are not being utilized.

? Dairy Producers of New Mexico supports the elimination of paperwork requirements under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, specifically that the notification requirement under section 304(a) of this Act should not apply for releases associated with natural emissions.

? Dairy Producers of New Mexico supports the recognition and use of biofuels as alternative, renewable energy sources and funding to facilitate the development and implementation of biofuel projects.

? Dairy Producers of New Mexico supports action that supplies a stable agricultural labor force available for year-round employment.

? Dairy Producers of New Mexico supports the continued full funding for food safety and anti-agroterrorism and anti-ecoterrorism endeavors, which are to include animal tracking as well as programs for maintaining national herd health, because it is important for national security that the food supply be protected.

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? Dairy Producers of New Mexico supports the concept that environmental stewardship monies should be equally available to all producers.

? Dairy Producers of New Mexico supports FSA and NRCS for their support to the dairy industry. It's important that these programs are fully funded to assist grassroots producers.

? As Congress intended, U.S. agriculture should not be regulated under laws developed for industrial pollution. Dairy Producers of New Mexico opposes the classification of manure as a ?hazardous substance,? or ?pollutant or contaminant,? as it is a naturally-occurring substance resulting from biological processes.

? Dairy Producers of New Mexico opposes any form of the continuation of the forward contracting of milk.

? Dairy Producers of New Mexico opposes any form of dairy compacts. DPNM producers rely upon milk markets throughout the various states. DPNM believes in open and free trade in milk and does not support the creation of state compacts for the purposes of pricing milk. Also, DPNM opposes state orders that would impair the free flow of milk.

? Dairy Producers of New Mexico opposes any legislation that would use the FMMO or other federal program or law that protects a state pricing and pooling plan from the effects of interstate commerce unless the state plan prices milk at levels no less than the FMMO prices and all producers, regardless of the state they are in, can equally participate with other producers.

? Dairy Producers of New Mexico opposes the Milk Income Loss Contracts program because it does not help all producers equally. DPNM opposes any form of direct payment from the government based upon production. Such payments distort markets, reduce milk prices and waste tax dollars.

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