Milk Marketing Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Held at the 10B Airline Drive in Albany and via WebEx
Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Members Attending: Chair C. Wolf, J. Davenport, D. Fisher, C. Laughton, T. Van Slyke, E. Gallagher, M. Finberg, K. Cartier, E. Yeiser Stepp,

Others attending: A. Jones-Brimmer, N. Martin, A. Oeser, B. Riordon, J. Gilmore, S. Terzo, T. Burgess, J. Suarez

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Staff Present: Commissioner Ball, Deputy Commissioner K. Howard, C. McCue, A. Giuliano, C. Gravelle, B. Steinmuller, E. Peila

Members attending via Webex: C. de Ronde, E. Schoen, J. Smith Krzysiak, S. Marshman, A. Walsh, A. Galindo, C. Noble, D. Shelmidine, C. Kemnah, G. Lazara

Others attending via Webex: L. Hernandez

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Staff via Webex: H. Torino

Disclaimer: This was a public meeting and procedure followed all rules set forth in Open Meetings Law. The meeting was recorded and posted on the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets website, along with meeting minutes and additional materials presented. Use the following link to access the webpage: https://agriculture.ny.gov/milk-marketing-advisory-council.

1. **Opening Remarks:** Commissioner Ball, Deputy Commissioner Howard and Chair Wolf provided opening remarks.

2. **Discussion Topic #1**: Agriculture Education & Workforce Discussion – introduction by: Antonia Giuliano. Group discussion facilitated by Deputy Commissioner Howard.
   Please see the PowerPoint presentation on the MMAC website, which is referenced in the Disclaimer section above.

3. **Discussion Topic #2**: Soil and Water Conservation Presentation – presented by Brian Steinmuller. *Please see the PowerPoint presentation on the MMAC website, which is referenced in the Disclaimer section above.*

4. **Lunch Break:** The meeting temporarily paused for a lunch break.

5. **Retirement Acknowledgement:** Commissioner Ball recognized and congratulated MMAC members Ed Gallagher and Tonya Van Slyke on their upcoming retirements and thanked them for their years of dedicated service and participation on the MMAC.

6. **Discussion Topic #3**: Dairy Outlook – presenters: Jodi Smith Krzysiak (Upstate Niagara) and Ed Gallagher (DFA). *Please see the PowerPoint presentation on the MMAC website, which is referenced in the Disclaimer section above.*

7. **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Discussion:** introduction by Deputy Commissioner Howard and Casey McCue. Group Discussion facilitated by Deputy Commissioner Howard.

8. **Federal and State Policy Open Discussion:** -

   Council members and attendees participated in an open discussion on federal and state policy topics related to the federal funding cuts for land grant university research, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) detection in raw milk, and the recent increases in dairy processing capacity in New York state.

9. **Public Comment Opportunity:**

   No public comments were provided.

10. **Closing Remarks:** Deputy Commissioner Howard and Chair Wolf provided closing remarks.

11. **Meeting adjourned:** Chair C. Wolf ended by thanking everyone for the great discussion and adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Attachments:

1. Agriculture Education & Workforce Discussion – Antonia Giuliano (NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets)
2. Soil and Water Conservation Presentation – Brian Steinmuller (NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets)
3. Dairy Economic Outlook Presentation – Jodi Smith Krzysiak (Upstate Niagara) and Ed Gallagher (DFA)