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Milk Marketing Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Held at the 10B Airline Drive in Albany and via WebEx
Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 1:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Members Attending: Chair C. Wolf, J. Davenport, C. Laughton, M. Finberg, E. Yeiser Stepp, A. Jones- Brimmer

Others attending: C. Curley Smith, N. Martin, B. Riordon, J. Gilmore, K. Slye-Hernandez, C. Brodeur

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Staff Present: Commissioner Ball, Deputy Commissioner K. Howard, A. Giuliano, H. Torino, C. Gravelle, E. Peila, M. Ciani

Members attending via Webex: E. Schoen, J. Smith Krzysiak, A. Walsh, A. Galindo, D. Shelmidine, C. Kemnah, G. Lazara, A. Novakovic, B. Sharp, M. Barnes,

Others attending via Webex: B. Sharp, S. Quadros, S. Terzo, J. Marcucci

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:** Deputy Commissioner Howard and Chair Wolf provided opening remarks.

2. **Discussion Topic #1**: Dairy Outlook – presenters: Christine Brodeur (DFA). *Please see the PowerPoint presentation on the MMAC website, which is referenced in the Disclaimer section above.*

3. **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, the Federal Milk Marketing Orders reform, the recent increases in dairy processing capacity in New York state, and the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act.

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

5. **Discussion Topic #2**: New York: A Sustainable Dairy State – introduction by: Deputy Commissioner Howard. Group discussion facilitated by Deputy Commissioner Howard. *Please see the PowerPoint presentation on the MMAC website, which is referenced in the Disclaimer section above.*

6. **Public Comment Opportunity:** The public comment period included discussion among members and attendees about converting food waste into energy and recent Cornell funding updates.

7. **Closing Remarks:** Commissioner Ball, Deputy Commissioner Howard, and Chair Wolf provided closing remarks.

8. **Meeting adjourned:** Chair Wolf ended by thanking everyone for the great discussion and adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Attachments:

1. Dairy Economic Outlook Presentation – Christine Brodeur (DFA)
2. New York: A Sustainable Dairy State – Deputy Commissioner Howard (New York State Department of Agriculture)