Milk Marketing Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Held at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse and via WebEx
Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Members Attending: Chair C. Wolf, C. Laughton, A. Jones- Brimmer, A. Walsh, D. Shelmidine, M. Barnes, J. Krzysiak,

Others attending: B. Riordon, J. Gilmore, C. Brodeur. S. Terzo, K. Czymmek

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

Members attending via Webex: E. Schoen, A. Galindo, A. Novakovic, B. Sharp, M. Barnes, C. Noble, C. de Ronde, A. Novakovic, M. Finberg

Others attending via Webex: A. Sardo, E. Hassel, G. Taylor, B. Brooks, J. Suarez, K. Bourgeois, K. Karnuta

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**: Dairy Outlook – presenters: Christine Brodeur (DFA), Catherine de Ronde (Agri-Mark), Jodi Smith Krzysiak (Upstate Niagara)
   Please see the PowerPoint presentation on the MMAC website, which is referenced in the Disclaimer section above.

3. **Discussion Topic #2:** Perspective of Dairy Industry Growth – presenter – Karl Czymmek (PRO-DAIRY)
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4. **Break:** The meeting temporarily paused for a break.

5. **Discussion Topic #3:** Dairy Modernization Grant Program Update – presenter – Casey McCue (AGM)

6. **Discussion Topic #4**: New York: A Sustainable Dairy State Recap of Previous Meeting – 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.*

7. **Federal and State Policy Open Discussion:**

   Council members and attendees participated in an open discussion on federal and state policy topics related to the manufacturing cost survey for dairy processors, labor issues on dairy farms, and possible changes to ingredient requirements for dairy products.

8. **Public Comment Opportunity:** No public comments were provided.

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

10. **Meeting adjourned:** Chair Wolf ended by thanking everyone for the great discussion and adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Attachments:

1. Dairy Economic Outlook Presentation – Christine Brodeur (Dairy Farmers of America), Catherine de Ronde (Agri-Mark), Jodi Smith Krzysiak (Upstate Niagara)
2. Perspective of Dairy Industry Growth – Karl Czymmek (PRO-DAIRY)
3. New York: A Sustainable Dairy State Recap of Previous Meeting Discussion– Deputy Commissioner Howard (New York State Department of Agriculture)