



## Think MFBF During Dairy Month, As It Supports Pro-Dairy Farm Policy

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MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS - June 1, 2017 - While consumers enjoy ice cream, cheese and milk this June as part of Dairy Month, Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) leadership and staff will be working to protect local dairy farms.



"New England has a rich history of dairy farming," said MFBF President Ed Davidian, who farms in Northborough. "As such, it is the job of Farm Bureau to ensure those farms are not overburdened with regulations or heavy taxation. By lobbying on behalf of these farmers, we allow them to spend more time farming."

MFBF supports the following bills that impact local dairy farms:

- HB 2616 - An Act relative to the Dairy Farm Tax Credit - Representative Kulik;
- HB 441 - An Act to promote the care and well-being of livestock - Representative Kulik;
- HB 181 - An Act relative to updating the plumbing code in order to accommodate agricultural uses - Representative Mirra;
- And more!

"Farm Bureau understands that dairy farming in New England is challenging financially, with the cost of producing milk sometimes exceeding the price paid to dairy farmers," Davidian said. "These bills will help Massachusetts dairy farmers remain functional and hopefully profitable. Please join us as a member to help us maintain a healthy dairy industry in the Commonwealth."

For more information on MFBF's policy priorities, please visit <http://www.farmbureau.co/legislative-priority/>. To join online and show your support for the dairy industry, please visit <http://www.farmbureau.co/online-application/>.

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*The Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation is a non-profit organization representing nearly 6,000 family members across the Commonwealth. MFBF is an advocate for farmers, run by farmer members who develop policies through its grassroots process. Its mission is "to protect the rights, encourage the growth, and be of service to its members, in the best interest of agriculture."*

For more information about the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, please visit [www.mfbf.net](http://www.mfbf.net).

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