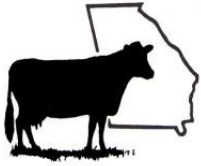


Our Mission:



The mission of Georgia Milk Producers is to support, sustain and grow the Georgia dairy industry. Georgia Milk Producers serves as an advocate promoting Georgia's dairy industry and educating producers and the public to help build a stronger, viable industry.

Our Objectives:

- 1) To promote and encourage growth of the Georgia dairy industry.
- 2) To serve as an educational advocate in the public arena for the Georgia dairy industry and increase public awareness of the industry.
- 3) To encourage a close working relationship with other organizations to further the mission of GMP.
- 4) To be actively involved with the development of laws and regulations impacting Georgia's dairy industry and encourage producers to participate in political activities and the design of regulations that affect their businesses.
- 5) To sponsor continuing education programs and management workshops that educates dairy producers on current technologies and resources to enhance their production performance and lower their cost of production.

Our Board:

Georgia Milk Producers, Inc. is comprised of a 16-member Board of Directors representing the 10 GMP and American Dairy Association districts in Georgia. Each district has one representative on the board. In addition, there are six statewide directors serving on the Board. All current directors are dairymen who ship their milk to Dairy Farmers of America, Lonestar Milk Producers, Maryland-Virginia Milk Producers Association, Premier Milk or Southeast Milk, Inc.



Each District Director is elected to serve on the Board of Directors by dairymen during our fall district meetings. Statewide Directors are elected to serve at our Annual Meeting by producers attending the meeting. The Board meetings are open to all Georgia dairymen and affiliated groups/organizations.

Our Activities:

From its origin in the 1950s, Georgia Milk Producers has been the organization which has analyzed the impacts of positive as well as negative issues that continue to confront the Georgia dairymen's ability to be profitable.



Georgia Milk has been instrumental in achieving:

- Environmental regulations that are more producer-friendly.
- Sales Tax Exemptions for Dairy Production through GATE program.
- Funding for a Dairy Specialist at UGA Tifton Research Dairy
- Funding for the Dairy Pavilion at Sunbelt Ag Expo.
- Formation of the Georgia Dairy Youth Foundation.
- Administrative Oversight for the Mobile Dairy Classroom.
- Changes to State TB Testing Requirements for dairymen.
- Encouraging dairy cooperatives to work together to improve dairymen's profit.

Returning Dairymen's Investment

Georgia Milk Producers is committed to using your assessment effectively and efficiently. Our organization funds several seminars and events for our producers so that they may attend at no cost. Over the last three years, these have included:

- Georgia Dairy Conference
- Southeast Dairy Herd Management Conference
- Georgia Dairy Managers Series
- Milk Quality Workshops
- Various continuing education courses, including those for Certified Waste Operators.
- Sponsor for the dairy exhibit at the Sunbelt Ag Expo, Ag Day at the Capitol and Macon County Ag Day.



We Are Your Voice:

Georgia Milk Producers represents dairymen at various Agricultural promotional events, in the legislative arena and at state and federal pricing and environmental hearings. Our organization acts as a catalyst for change, we do not own cattle or sell milk and can't single-handedly turn around a bad market. Yet, we serve as your self-help tool to work for the success of the industry in Georgia and the Southeast.



Administration:

Georgia Milk Producers is managed by Farrah Newberry, Executive Director, in Watkinsville, Georgia. Newberry attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and the University of Georgia, graduating with a degree in Agricultural Communications. She has served as the organization's director since February 2000.



The Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commission for Milk and Ag Commissioner, Gary Black, governs the activities and budgeting of Georgia Milk Producers, Inc.

Funding:

Georgia Milk Producers, Inc. is a producer-funded, producer-focused organization. Georgia's dairy producers vote, by referendum, every three years to maintain its operation. Producers pay a one-cent per hundredweight assessment enabling Georgia Milk Producers to operate programs of communication, promotion and education.

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