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Arkansas Agriculture Partners Observe Dairy Month and Feature Work of Dairy Recruitment Task Force

STATEWIDE, ARK. – Governor Hutchinson has proclaimed June as Arkansas Dairy Month, joining nationwide efforts to recognize the historic work of dairy farmers and the contribution the dairy sector makes to our state and nation. Find the full Arkansas Dairy Month Proclamation [here](#).

“Dairy farmers are strong, they are survivors. I am proud to recognize their efforts during Arkansas Dairy Month” said Governor Asa Hutchinson during the presentation of the Arkansas Dairy Month proclamation this morning. “We must continue to educate consumers about the important role of dairy farmers and dairy products in our food supply.”

An Arkansas Dairy Recruitment Task Force has been established to assimilate information and resources that would be beneficial to existing Arkansas dairy farmers or farmers from other states interested in relocating to Arkansas. By bundling information regarding feed dealers, dairy regulations and inspection requirements, veterinarians, and other data, the task force partners hope to highlight the many ways that the landscape and industry partnerships in Arkansas create a suitable, and often superior, environment for dairy operations. Find the Arkansas Dairy Recruitment page, [here](#).

“We are proud to see agricultural partners working together to identify strategies to sustain the farm families that work tirelessly in Arkansas’s existing dairy industry and to create ways to actively recruit additional operations to grow our industry” says Arkansas Agriculture Secretary Wes Ward. “Arkansas’s top industry is agriculture. We can compete with any state in the U.S. when it comes to making the case for why Arkansas is a great place to live and be a part of our agricultural industry.”

"We are encouraged by the efforts to recruit additional dairies to the state of Arkansas, where we currently consume more milk than we produce" said Randy Veach, president of the Arkansas Farm Bureau. "A broad and diversified agriculture economy is important to our state. Any efforts to increase milk production in Arkansas is a benefit for our citizens."

Learn more about The Dairy Alliance and National Dairy Month resources, [here](#).

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