



## Voices of Support for U.S. Dairy

“We applaud the U.S. Dairy community for partnering with others and taking on this initiative to drive change through support to farmers. They acknowledge they don’t yet have all the answers, but their science and measurement-based approach lays the groundwork for meaningful progress. For the sake of nature at-large, I hope we see more agricultural sectors take this approach.”

***Pipa Elias, director of agriculture for The Nature Conservancy in North America***

“Kroger applauds the dairy industry for setting the 2050 Environmental Stewardship Goals. As a signatory to the U.S. Dairy Stewardship Commitment, we believe in the power of collective action to create positive change through our associates and business for our communities and planet.”

***Erin Sharp, Kroger’s group VP of manufacturing***

“The dairy community is meeting the moment, continuously rising to sustainably feed a growing population. We recognize that various obstacles stand between now and 2050, but a maturing market for innovation combined with private and public collaboration will help us achieve our carbon-neutral goals as pledged. In keeping with global sustainability initiatives, over 350 Northwest Dairy Association (NDA) member-owners across Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho are reinforcing 50 years of environmental progress — because it's the right thing to do and so their children and grandchildren can continue their legacy.”

***Stan Ryan, president and CEO of Darigold***

“The dairy industry is committed to working in a responsible manner and investing in the future of our farms and our communities. At Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative, we see dairy as an environmental solution and have embraced the challenge of being Net Zero by 2050. This commitment starts at the farm level. We have forged partnerships with customers, environmental conservation organizations and others to provide the needed technical support and resources to implement environmental best management practices on our member farms. This type of partnership and investment across the supply chain is necessary for the dairy industry to reach our ambitious goals. We welcome the challenge.”

***Jay Bryant, CEO Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative***



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“Over the past several years, Leprino Foods has worked to advance sustainability through the U.S. Dairy Stewardship Commitment. As chairman of that task force, I had the honor of working with other major dairy processors to advance this commitment. We commend the efforts of the dairy industry for this unified approach to environmental stewardship.”

***Mike Durkin, president of Leprino Foods Company***

“Our vision as U.S. dairy is to be part of the environmental solution. By expanding, operationalizing and measuring sustainability practices across the entire dairy value chain, we’re harnessing the power of a strong, connected and diverse sector to find new ways to nourish the planet for generations to come. We’re putting a stake in the ground to say, ‘U.S. dairy will give more than it takes.’”

***Krysta Harden, executive vice president of global environmental strategy for Dairy Management Inc.***