



Members of the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee      March 2, 2021

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Milk Producers of Idaho (Mpi) is a voluntary association comprised of Idaho businesses involved or interested in the continued success of the Idaho dairy industry. Members include businesses directly involved in the production and processing of milk and other dairy products. Such as, feed companies, transportation, agronomists, nutritionists, medical field, equipment suppliers, construction companies, financial institution, and many other related entities.

Mpi supports legislation that allows the Phosphorus Threshold and Phosphorus Indexing as official Nutrient Management Standards for dairy farms in Idaho. Both methods are currently allowed to be used as outlined in Rules Governing Dairy Byproduct (IDAPA 02.04.14) but the Threshold standard is set to sunset June 30, 2023.

We believe dairy farms should have the option of utilizing either or both standards on their operations. One of the standards may be more economically feasible than the other depending on conditions on farms and each field or even part of a field.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Marv Patten, Executive Director

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