
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 92

Session of
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INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, SLOCUM, MADIGAN, STAPLETON, LOEPER,
ARMSTRONG, BELAN, BOSCOLA, BRIGHTBILL, CONTI, DENT, EARLL,
GERLACH, PUNT, WAUGH, WENGER, TILGHMAN, RHOADES, JUBELIRER,
HOLL, HART, HELFRICK, LAVALLE, LEMMOND, MOWERY, O'PAKE,
ROBBINS, SALVATORE, SCHWARTZ, STOUT, THOMPSON, TOMLINSON,
WAGNER, WHITE, PICCOLA AND KASUNIC, JUNE 14, 1999

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 1999 as "Dairy Month" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, The dairy industry in Pennsylvania represents the
3 largest segment of the agricultural economy, with 10,200 dairy
4 farms and over 623,000 cows producing over 10.8 billion pounds
5 of milk annually; and

6 WHEREAS, Sales of milk from Pennsylvania farms generate over
7 \$1.5 billion in farm income which accounts for 37% of all
8 agricultural income; and

9 WHEREAS, Over \$46 million in dairy products are exported
10 annually; and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania currently ranks fourth nationally in
12 milk production, fourth in ice cream manufacturing, fourth in
13 butter manufacturing and sixth in cheese manufacturing; and

14 WHEREAS, Milk is Pennsylvania's official beverage, and the
15 milk produced annually by Pennsylvania dairy farms accounts for

1 nearly 7% of the total milk production in the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians drink more than 270 million gallons
3 of milk annually; and

4 WHEREAS, Forty-five manufacturers of dairy products, 33 fluid
5 milk processors and 22 milk producer dealers are located in
6 Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, Despite long hours of hard work, unpredictable
8 prices, uncooperative weather and low rates of return on labor
9 and capital investment, dairy farm families continue to produce
10 and promote quality products for the nutritional enjoyment of
11 consumers; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's dairy industry has traditionally
13 provided stability to rural economies and been a source of pride
14 for citizens across this Commonwealth who have the opportunity
15 to enjoy rural landscapes and savor a variety of dairy products;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians have celebrated the accomplishments
18 of the dairy industry during the month of June for over 58
19 years; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the accomplishments of dairy
21 farm families and the dairy industry and recognize June 1999 as
22 "Dairy Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate call upon the people of this
24 Commonwealth to celebrate "Dairy Month" and to salute dairy farm
25 families and the dairy industry for their contributions to
26 Pennsylvania agriculture and for their dedication to providing
27 an affordable, quality product to Pennsylvania's consumers.