**2025 Resolutions**

***Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2025***

**Be it Resolved:** Representative GT Thompson and Senators Dave McCormick and John Fetterman sponsored the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2025. The bill was introduced in both the House of Representatives and Senate on a bipartisan basis on January 23, 2025. Whole milk provides numerous nutritional benefits to children, including reduced risk of diabetes, improved bone health, and lower blood pressure.

**Therefore, be it resolved:** Pennsylvania Holstein Association wishes to thank Representative Thompson and Senators Fetterman and McCormick for their support of this legislation and urges individual members to contact each of them to thank them for their support.

***Pennsylvania Agricultural Budget***

**Be it Resolved:**   The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania continues to recognize the importance of agriculture to the well-being of the Commonwealth.

**Therefore, be it Resolved:**  That funding is maintained for the continued effectiveness of Agricultural Research and Extension programs, including the 4-H Program administered by Penn State University.  This provides a variety of scientific and technological knowledge to the Farm Community.  We also want to see continued appropriate funding for the Center for Dairy Excellence, Animal Health and Diagnostic Labs, and State Fair Program.  The current budget also needs to include appropriate funding for the All-American Dairy Show and Keystone International Livestock Exposition.

**Whole Milk in Pennsylvania Schools**

**Be it Resolved:** The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania allow Pennsylvania whole milk in Pennsylvania schools.

**Therefore, be it Resolved:** That S.B. 297, which would allow for Pennsylvania whole milk in Pennsylvania schools, be enacted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 restricted consumption of whole milk in public schools, dramatically decreasing milk consumption despite kids still having access to sugary drinks. Milk is the best food source for calcium, vitamin D, and potassium, and whole milk contains no more than 3.5% fat. A third of milk’s fatty acids are Omega-3, which have numerous health benefits. The Pennsylvania Holstein Association calls on the Pennsylvania General Assembly and Governor Shapiro to enact this measure.

**Pennsylvania 24/7 Milk Hauling**

**Be it Resolved:** The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amends Title 75 to allow for 24/7 milk hauling.

**Therefore, be it Resolved:** That the Pennsylvania House of Representatives should pass S.B. 153 to allow for constant transportation of milk from farms, including during weather-related commercial travel bans. This bill would ensure that truck drivers are not fined for picking up milk, increasing shipping costs for dairy farmers and further cutting into their margins. In addition to passage in the House of Representatives, we also call on Governor Josh Shapiro to support and sign this measure.

**U.S. Farm Bill**

**Be it Resolved:** The United States Congress should pass a new Farm Bill to provide stability for commodity market prices and farmers’ finances.

**Therefore, be it Resolved**: That Congress should pass a new Farm Bill to give farmers dependability on Department of Agriculture programs. Failure to pass a new Farm Bill would distort the dairy market and potentially damage dairy farmers’ bottom line. Additionally, the new Farm Bill would allow for crop programs to properly value crops and align funding accordingly.

***Thanks for Leadership***

**Be It Resolved:** The Pennsylvania Holstein Association membership thanks John Meyer for nearly twenty-four years of dedicated service to Holstein Association USA as the CEO. Your leadership was instrumental in maintaining the dominance of the Holstein breed worldwide.

***Appreciation for New Leadership***

**Be It Resolved:** The Pennsylvania Holstein Association membership enthusiastically welcomes and congratulates Lindsey Worden on being named just the 10th CEO/Executive Secretary in the history of the Holstein Association USA since its founding in 1885. Furthermore, we thank her for expert leadership in several other roles with Holstein Association USA over the past 17 years.

**Recognition of Pennsylvania Leadership**

**Be it resolved:** The Pennsylvania Holstein Association wishes to recognize the Pennsylvania residents that are serving on Holstein USA’s leadership and thank Holstein USA for its recognition of the importance of Pennsylvania to the dairy industry. The Association would also like to thank John Burket, Lindsey Worden, and Dean Jackson for their service to Pennsylvania and Holstein USA.

***Memorial Resolution***

The Pennsylvania Holstein Association in Annual Meeting session on February 7, 2025, pauses for a moment of silent respect for those of our members and friends who have passed away:

Lewis Berkley Berlin (Past President & HOF)

Jay H. Koop, Middletown

Dorothy Neely, Emlenton

Creedin C. Cornman, Boiling Springs (HOF)

L.W. Samples V.M.D., Hummelstown

Horace Backus, Mexico, NY (Distinguished Supporter)

Keith Buch, Leesport

Renee Bates, Stoneboro (Profiles Editor)

Hazel Fleisher, Newport

F. Dale Mattocks, Columbia Crossroads

William Brown, Rome

Marlene Sattazahn, Womelsdorf

Carol Martin, Volant

Ronald E. Harer, Roaring Branch

Clarence W. Beiler, Mifflinburg

Kenneth Hager, Durham Township

Robert S chaffer, Elizabethville

Richard W. Parker, Greenville

Ada M. Beardsley, Sanford

Willard W. McCray, Corry

Sherman L Glick, Belleville

Donald L Baeshore, Mechanicsburg

James M. Akam, Spartansburg

Joel Alsdorf, Spartansburg

Robert Hewitt, Pocono Lake

Luella Groff, Lebanon

Mast Stoltzfus, Cochranville

Clair Hershey, Kirkwood

Roy Book, Ronks

Jerry Pirrung, Ulysses

***RESOLUTION OF THANKS***

***WHEREAS:  the Holstein breeders of the Southcentral  Pennsylvania District have sponsored the 112th Annual Meeting and 68th State Convention of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association by serving as gracious hosts in providing programs of great interest, accompanied by warm and friendly hospitality, leaving us with happy memories of an outstanding convention.***

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that this Association in meeting duly assembled, does hereby acknowledge and express sincere thanks to the Holstein breeders of Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, and York Counties; Brad and Charlene Walker and Meranda Sellers, Convention Co-Chairs; Convention Planning Committees, Convention Sponsors, Dairy Bar Supporters, Suppliers, Sale Consignors, Penn State staff and students, volunteers, and the management and staff of the Wyndham Gettysburg Convention Center in Gettysburg, PA for such a memorable convention.