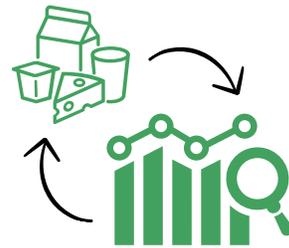


**Congress, USDA, and the organic dairy sector need organic-specific data to understand industry challenges.**

Like other agricultural sectors, organic dairy producers need accurate data to assess expansion or contraction of production. Additionally, USDA cannot respond appropriately to crises in the industry without accurate organic milk price and feed cost data. Rising costs have created a dire economic situation for organic dairy farmers across the U.S. in recent years – leading to closures of farms.

**The Organic Dairy Data Collection Act is the answer:**

- ✓ Helps USDA design better organic programs
- ✓ Mirrors conventional data collection
- ✓ Allows organic feedstuff price tracking
- ✓ Promotes farm resilience
- ✓ Bipartisan, no cost



**The Organic Dairy Data Collection Act directs USDA to:**

- Collect and publish cost-of-production data for organic milk, including the costs of major organic feedstuffs, domestically produced or imported;
- Gather and report monthly data on the price of organic milk; and
- Aggregate and publish state and regional data on the cost and volume of organic milk production.

With accurate and timely data, Congress and USDA will be positioned to make critical policy decisions that affect the organic domestic dairy industry's survival. Without this information, policymakers can only estimate needs using conventional dairy data. For example, during the roll-out of the Organic Dairy Market Assistance Program, organic costs were significantly underestimated. The information collected under this legislation will also empower other organic commodity sectors to track their feedstock costs.

**The Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act of 2024**

The Senate Agriculture Committee Farm Bill framework directs USDA to improve collection of dairy market data.

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