

## Fuhrmann to Offer NMPF Dairy Pricing Policy Plan

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“We’ll never fully eliminate volatility in dairy markets. We will always have issues balancing supply and demand. But we can do a much better job of managing the volatility.”

That’s Foremost Farms President Dave Fuhrmann who will be part of an upcoming panel seeking ways to bring stability back to milk prices. The Wisconsin Holstein Association will be hosting a Nov. 6 forum to discuss remedies for the current milk pricing crisis.

While there are various proposals being put forth in the industry, Fuhrmann will be discussing the National Milk Producers Federation’s (NMPF) new and comprehensive dairy pricing policy, which is being crafted by the organization’s Strategic Planning Task Force. Fuhrmann is a task force member.

There are four key components NMPF is putting forth designed as a package to manage price instability. The proposals include Federal Order reform, replacing government safety nets, initiating government-sponsored producer income insurance and revising and continuing the producer-funded Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) program.

“Each component of the plan addresses what’s fundamentally wrong with dairy pricing – an outdated Federal Order system that has to move into the future, existing government safety nets that keep the United States at a competitive disadvantage and a lack of producer insurance when prices do fall,” said Fuhrmann. “It’s time to change the system.”

The forum is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 6, at 1:00 p.m. at the Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells, Wis. All concerned dairy industry members are invited to attend. Fuhrmann will appear alongside three other industry professionals from Holstein Association USA, Cooperative Network and Family Dairies USA.