

Northeast Dairy Leadership Team Fact Sheet

- The Northeast Dairy Leadership Team was initiated by a memorandum of understanding signed by the departments of agriculture in New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont in June 2006.
- NEDLT was formed in June 2006 to establish a vision and promote profitability for the region's dairy industry.
- More than 50 individuals representing all facets of the dairy industry in the three leading northeastern dairy states are part of the Northeast Dairy Leadership Team. Producers, processors and representatives from allied support industries, universities, dairy promotion groups and state departments of agriculture participate in NEDLT.
- The organization's mission is to:
 - *Advocate and educate for a profitable and growing dairy industry through regional stakeholder interaction and collaboration.*
- Executive committee members for NEDLT include dairy producers Bill Beeman, Kingsley, Pa., Jackie Folsom, Richmond, Vt., and Ron Robbins, Sackets Harbor, N.Y.; Jeff Harding from Elanco Animal Health, State College, Pa.; Jackie Folsom from Richmond, Vt.; and Mike Suever from H.P. Hood, Chelsea, Mass. One ex-officio member representing each state's agriculture department or agency also serves on the committee.
- NEDLT has identified the following four priorities to focus on as an organization:
 - Issues that arise, which impact profitability at any sector of the dairy value chain.
 - Foster stakeholder collaboration
 - Provide a forum for discussion of dairy policy issues.
 - Maintain a strong dairy infrastructure across the value chain.
- NEDLT is funded through contributions from each of the three states' departments of agriculture, with grant funding used as needed for special projects and programs. Industry support is also requested as needed.
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