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As we near the end of 2019 and the supply-side market starts to come into balance, we need to protect this slow recovery. We are more aware than ever that organic milk is a **commodity** and that pay price will be slow to recover from the 2018 crises of both a 25% drop in pay price and contracts that became increasingly biased in favor of the buyer. There is still a lot of work that we must do to better protect producers in the future, and organic dairy producers continue to need NODPA's independent voice in the marketplace and in Washington.

While the road ahead for organic dairy farm families is complicated and potentially treacherous, it is critically important to have an independent organic dairy voice in the marketplace and one that is focused on regulations. NODPA's ability to speak loud and clear about both the pressing issues and the solutions that will mitigate this crisis remains vitally important. And, producers need all of the tools to help them navigate these times; tools that NODPA provides, such as all the latest organic news and opinion, and avenues for venting, sharing experiences, and problem solving, whether in person, on ODairy, in the NODPA News, or at [www.nodpa.com](http://www.nodpa.com).

In 2020, NODPA will continue to advocate for closing regulatory loopholes to protect the integrity of the organic seal for consumers and producers. We will continue to work on implementing a Final Rule on the Origin of Livestock as we lead a partnership with other advocates to bring the maximum pressure to bear on USDA and organic trade groups. We will keep the pressure on the NOP to take certifiers to task in implementing the Access to Pasture regulation. Most of all, NODPA keeps the issues in front of the people that count in Washington and with consumers, and we will continue to work with other producers groups across the country to defend producers' rights. **No other group can do that as effectively and with the same integrity as NODPA, which is why your support this year is so critical.**

NODPA's ability to provide services is dependent on this annual fund drive, plus advertising, sponsorship and business membership. When there is a downturn in income for producers, suppliers are also affected which has an impact on how much they can advertise in the NODPA News or sponsor our events. During NODPA's annual fundraising campaign, we ask you to renew your support for the services you need and value. Your support is a vote for the work we do.

NODPA Board Chair and New York organic dairy farmer

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**NODPA's Mission**

*To enable organic dairy family farmers, situated across an extensive area, to have informed discussion about matters critical to the well-being of the organic dairy industry as a whole.*