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REPORT HIGHLIGHTS DAIRY INDUSTRY’S

IMPORTANCE TO PENNSYLVANIA’S ECONOMY

Pennsylvania’s dairy industry accounted for over 137,000 jobs and $28.31 billion of economic impact in 2017 according to a report by the United States Dairy Export Council, National Milk Producers Federation, and International Dairy Foods Association.

Based on the Dairy Delivers® report, in 2017 Pennsylvania’s dairy industry directly employed 45,029 people and indirectly supported another 92,624 jobs through suppliers and the indirect impact of the industry’s expenditures.

The report shows that exports are also important to Pennsylvania’s dairy industry and the state’s economy as a whole. Pennsylvania dairy exports accounted for a $788 million economic impact and created 3,979 jobs.

“The Board understands its important responsibility to provide the regulatory framework underlying all segments of Pennsylvania’s dairy industry, which contributes so much to Pennsylvania’s economy and culture,” Consumer Member Carol Hardbarger observed. “We will continue to directly engage with everyone involved in the industry, from the farm to the consumer, as we work to further improve the environment for dairy in Pennsylvania.”

The Pennsylvania report is available on the Board’s website at https://www.mmb.pa.gov/Public%20Hearings/Documents/got-dairy-jobs-Pennsylvania.pdf. Reports for other states are available at https://medium.com/dairy-exports-mean-jobs/state-bundles-6b9749625c77.

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