

NEWS FROM ASSEMBLYMAN MARC MOLINARO

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MOLINARO MARKS DAIRY DAY

Assembly Republican event promotes the state's vital dairy industry

Assemblyman Marc Molinaro (R,I,C-Red Hook) participated in the Assembly Republican sponsored "Dairy Day" event celebrating June as New York dairy month on Tuesday in the Well of the Legislative Office Building. The event has become an annual favorite drawing a large crowd in support of our state's dairy farmers, the largest sector of New York's agriculture industry.



"Dairy farms in New York contribute about \$2.4 billion annually to state revenue," said Molinaro. "Dairy Day is a much anticipated event recognizing the hard work performed by the leaders of our state's number one industry. This event offers a great opportunity for farmers to showcase their high-quality products exemplifying the pride we have in New York."

Dairy Day drew a number of vendors offering products such as milk, cheese, ice cream, and yogurt, representing a few of the 6,200 members of New York's dairy industry. Students from several schools were present, as well as numerous state leaders. Dairy princesses, who promote the importance of dairy throughout their region and the state during their year of service, were also present. The Assemblyman took a moment to meet Addie the newborn calf and Columbia County Dairy Day Princess, Cassie Chittenden.

"Dairy Day is a great way to remind everyone just how important the dairy industry is to the economy of New York State," said Molinaro. "It is vitally important that we ensure dairy farmers, from the Hudson Valley and beyond, have a voice in the Assembly by supporting legislation that allows this crucial industry to thrive."

Vendors featured at today's event included The American Dairy Association and Dairy Council; Garelick Farms; H.P. Hood; McCadam Cheese; Mercer's Dairy; Northeast Dairy Foods Association, Inc.; Perry's Ice Cream; Pride of New York; Ronnybrook Farm Dairy; Sorrento Lactalis; Stewarts Shops and Upstate Niagara Co-Op.



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