

Reps. McBroom, Greig, Heise, Hooker, Howrylak, Hughes, LaVoy, Phelps and Poleski offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 100.

A resolution to declare June 10, 2015, as Dairy Foods Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Michigan's dairy industry is a leading segment of Michigan agriculture, contributing \$14.7 billion to the state's economy annually. These dollars employ local veterinarians, equipment dealers, and farm employees all providing jobs for Michigan. A dollar spent locally generates twice as much income for the local economy. Dairy represented 20 percent of cash receipts statewide in 2013, including dairy farming, dairy processing and the dairy wholesale/retail sector; and

Whereas, Michigan has 390,000 dairy cows representing approximately 2,000 dairy herds. Ninety-eight percent of Michigan dairy farms are family owned, many by multiple generations of the same family. The average dairy herd in Michigan has 187 cows. Just like businesses grow to support more families, herd sizes increase to allow the next generation to continue farming; and

Whereas, Michigan ranks 7th in milk production in the United States. Dairy cows in Michigan produced approximately 9.6 billion pounds of milk and the average Michigan cow produces approximately 24,638 pounds of milk each year or 2,865 gallons of milk; and

Whereas, Michigan milk is local. Michigan's 1,700 Grade A dairy farms produce more than enough milk to supply the entire state. Surplus milk is exported to help meet demand in other states. In supermarkets and local farmers markets, you can find milk, cheese and yogurt produced by Michigan dairy farmers. When you buy Michigan dairy products, you not only buy local and support area farmers you buy quality. To check where your milk is bottled look for the code. Every container of milk is identified by a 5-digit code and the code includes a 2-digit state code followed by a 3-digit processing plant code. Michigan's code is 26. Only 1.7 percent of the U.S. population produces food for the other 99 percent plus millions worldwide and only a fraction of that produces dairy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare June 10, 2015, as Dairy Foods Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.