

# NDB Recommends Minor Representation Change

BROOKFIELD, Wis. — The 36 dairy farmers serving on the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board looked at milk production based on regional representation of the country during their Sept. 22-23 business meeting.

As part of the order establishing the National Dairy Board, the board must review the relationship of milk production to National Dairy Board representation at least every five years. Because of a shift in milk production, the board voted to recommend to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy that representation from Region 8 (Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky) includes one less member while Region 4 (New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Texas) gains one member. Currently, both regions have two dairy farmer board members each. National Dairy Board members

determined the recommendation by applying a calculation, defined in the Dairy Promotion and Research Order, to milk production in each region.

The board, consisting of 36 active dairy farmers representing 13 geographic regions across the United States, recommended no other change in regional representation on the National Dairy Board. Unaffected regions include: Region 1 (Oregon and Washington)- one dairy farmer; Region 2 (California)- five dairy farmers; Region 3 (Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Colorado and Arizona)- two dairy farmers; Region 5 (North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota)- three dairy farmers; Region 6 (Wisconsin)- six dairy farmers; Region 7 (Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Illinois)- three dairy farmers; Region 9 (Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia)- three dairy farmers; Region 10 (Virgini-

a, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida)- two dairy farmers; Region 11 (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware)- three dairy farmers; Region 12 (New York)- three dairy farmers; and Region 13

(Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island)- one dairy farmer.

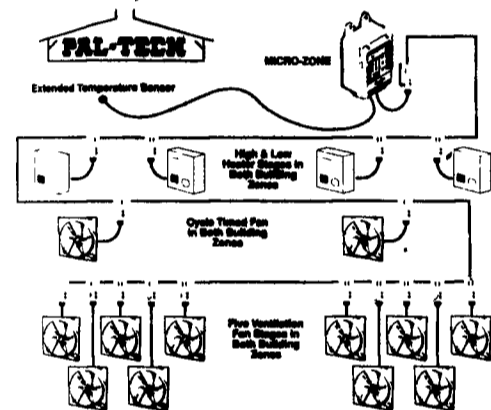
The recommendation was sent to Secretary Espy who has final ruling in this matter.

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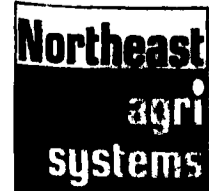
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