



**Developing Today's
Young Producers
into Tomorrow's
Cooperative Leaders**

LEADERSHIP

By building communication skills through active participation as a member of the cooperative and a producer within the industry.

EDUCATION

By providing opportunities for members to enhance their farm and financial management skills while connecting with consumers.

NETWORKING

By creating a strong network of producers to connect on issues regarding their farm and the industry, and collaborating together to develop the YC Program.



**Contact us to learn more
about joining our Young
Cooperator Program.**

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Representing members from across its membership, FarmFirst Young Cooperators are diving into creating a well-rounded and dynamic producer program. They believe they are part of the solution to the challenges they know the industry will face in the future.

FarmFirst Young Cooperators

FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative's leaders know that the dynamics of the dairy industry are changing quickly and are looking to its membership for the next generation of producers to lead the cooperative. Dairy farming has changed dramatically in the last few decades, and today's young producers are bringing new technology and innovative management practices to their farms. Most importantly, they're also bringing a fresh perspective to the industry.

FarmFirst is dedicated to providing opportunities for these young producers to enhance their skills as the manager of their farm and to better understand the value of the cooperative's advocacy efforts, programs, and services to their business. Investing in young producers is vital to the industry, as they will eventually become the leaders within this industry starting now as a Young Cooperator.

Join the Young Cooperators today to become a stronger leader in the dairy industry. Call us at 608-286-1909 or email Sarah Sarbacker at ssarbacker@farmfirstcoop.com to learn how you can get involved.

Leadership

Young Cooperators have the opportunity to attend the NMPF YC Program Dairy Policy & Legislative Forum each summer in Washington D.C. This leadership program includes discussions about political engagement and dairy policy issues along with training on being an effective advocate for dairy. Attendees visit Capitol Hill to speak with members of Congress and their staff about issues affecting the dairy industry.



Education

Young Cooperator Board Member, Nathan Wiese of Rosendale, Wis. shares his perspective of the YC Program:

"I didn't expect to find learning about dairy policy to be something that would pique my interest. I was given the opportunity by FarmFirst's Young Cooperator Program to attend the Dairy Policy & Legislative Forum in Washington D.C. where I learned more about the issues affecting the dairy industry, and was able to meet with senators and congressmen."

I feel much more confident speaking about the policies that directly and indirectly affect our farm. It is helpful to know what can be done to make positive changes for the industry as we move forward."

Networking



Members also have the chance to connect with industry leaders while communicating their concerns about the latest political and industry issues and how it could affect their operation.

Member-driven
Member-focused
Member-owned