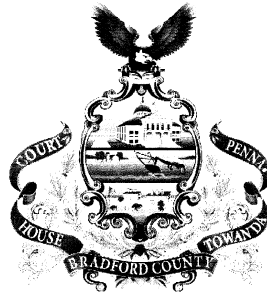


Mark W. Smith, Chairman
John Sullivan, Vice Chairman
Doug McLinko, Commissioner



Gayle Kershner, Chief Clerk
Jonathan Foster, Solicitor

Bradford County Commissioners Office

**RESOLUTION 2009-07
IN SUPPORT OF BRADFORD COUNTY'S DAIRY FARMERS AND
LOCAL DAIRY SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS**

Whereas, our nation's dairy industry contributes to our nation's health and prosperity every day of the year and the dairy industry is a critical component of Bradford County's economy; and

Whereas, it is currently estimated that our local dairy producers are being paid substantially less than the costs associated with producing milk on the farm and are very concerned about providing for their families now and in the future;

Therefore be it resolved that the Bradford County Commissioners support a change in how milk is priced that will provide a more consistent opportunity for dairy farmers here in Bradford County and across this nation to be profitable; and to provide fair compensation for the hard work and dedication that our dairy farmers give to feed our nation and the world with nature's most perfect food, milk.

Whereas, the Center for Dairy Excellence along with the Pennsylvania Dairy Task Force have been a very important voice for Pennsylvania's dairy industry; and Whereas the key focus of the Pennsylvania Dairy Task Force and the Center for Dairy Excellence is to coordinate available resources and support a growing dairy industry and to help producers continue improving the profitability of their dairy businesses, which has a ripple effect on both the entire dairy industry and on the state's economy, therefore be it resolved that the Bradford County Commissioners support the continued funding of the Center for Dairy Excellence in the 2009 Pennsylvania state budget.

Whereas, the Bradford County Conservation District directly assists local dairy farmers in dealing with the increasing demands and regulations of environmental compliance; and


Whereas, Penn State Cooperative Extension of Bradford County's educational programs enable Bradford County's dairy farmers to maintain a competitive and environmentally sound food and fiber system;

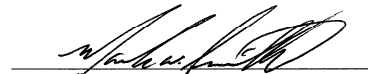
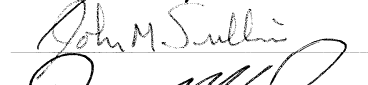
Therefore be it resolved that the Bradford County Commissioners support the continued funding of these vital local agriculture organizations at previous year's budget levels; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania's Agriculture Research continues to be a critical aspect to a safe and substantial food supply locally and across our commonwealth, and the protection of our consumers' health, therefore be it resolved that the Bradford County's Commissioners support the continued funding of the agriculture research line in Pennsylvania's state budget.

IN WITNESS THEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the County of Bradford to be affixed this 18th day of June 2009.

ATTEST:


Gayle Kershner, Chief Clerk



Bradford County Commissioners