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Chairman Johnson and members of the Agriculture Committee, I am Wayne Carlson, Program Manager for Livestock Services for the North Dakota Department of Agriculture. I am here today in support of HB 1111 which changes the state's dairy laws.

This bill was introduced at the request of the Agriculture Commissioner. It would change provisions of our current dairy laws in NDCC 4-30. Every two years, existing law needs to be updated to reflect current dairy regulations that the state has adopted by reference. This bill updates the references to the latest versions. In addition, it cleans up existing language to make it easier to change references in the future.

The Food and Drug Administration has published ordinances for all states to use as references. Two of those references are the "Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO/DMO) and the "Procedures Governing the Cooperative State-Public Health Service Food and Drug Administration Program of National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments". Current publication dates for both of

these is “2007” and they were released for general publication in the fall of 2008. In addition, our state has adopted the latest edition of “Standard Methods for the Examination of Dairy Products”.

We have also inserted a definition of 3 A Standards and update references for labeling of retail milk and milk products because it is referenced in the Administrative rules and revised the labeling section to reflect current federal code.

Chairman Johnson and committee members, I urge a do pass on HB 1111. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.