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## **MMPA names Senator Green ‘Champion of Dairy’**

(Lansing, MI)... The Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) recognized Sen. Mike Green as its first ever “Champion of Dairy” at the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual MMPA Meeting held in Lansing on Thursday, March 21.

“Because of his relentless support of agriculture and the dairy industry, we are pleased to recognize Senator Green as a true Champion of Dairy,” said MMPA President Ken Nobis. “When we faced the possibility of losing funding for the Grade A milk inspection program, one person stood out as a true friend of our industry. It was the work of Senator Green that preserved this program in all areas of the state so that it could continue serving the Michigan dairy industry and consumers.”

In addition to the dairy inspection program, Green also worked tirelessly on other issues important to the dairy industry, including legislation strengthening the voluntary Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assessment Program, legislation to improve economic development for agriculture and rural development and increased funding for the Michigan Department of Agriculture of nearly 25 percent after years of devastating cuts under a previous administration.

“Dairy farmers and their partners are an important part of the \$91 billion food and agriculture economy,” Nobis says. “It is essential for us to have people like Sen. Green in place to make sound decisions that help enhance the stability of our industry.”

MMPA is a member-owned and controlled milk marketing cooperative serving nearly 2,000 dairy farmers in Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and Ohio. Green represents the 31<sup>st</sup> District that includes Arenac, Bay, Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties.

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