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## **MMPA Recognizes 2014 Farm Bill Champion Senator Stabenow at Annual Meeting**

(Lansing, MI)... The Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) recognized Sen. Debbie Stabenow with their "Champion of Dairy" award for her unwavering support and persistence in passing the 2014 Farm Bill at the 98th MMPA State Annual Delegate Meeting held in Lansing on Thursday, March 20.

"We have worked with Senator Debbie Stabenow for many years on agricultural issues from her days in the Michigan House up to her present role as member of the U.S. Senate. She has proven to be a consistent supporter of Michigan agriculture, and in our case dairy policy," MMPA President Ken Nobis said. "I am convinced we would not have the farm bill we do today if it were not for the hard work and commitment of one senator – Senator Debbie Stabenow."

Sen. Stabenow helped bring attention to Michigan's diverse agricultural economy long before her tenure as chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee. She's advocated for agriculture throughout her career in public service, dating back to her time in the Michigan State Legislature in the 1980s. This lasting commitment has built enduring relationships with state and national agriculture leaders as she continues to strive for policy that's best for farmers.

Stabenow's leadership on the Agriculture Committee has led to a historic new focus on agricultural research, Michigan's specialty crops, the development of renewable fuels and critical land, habitat and water conservation efforts. Her continuous support for the state's dairy industry has not gone unnoticed as the crowd greeted Stabenow's remarks with a standing ovation.

"It was great working with the Michigan Milk Producers to write a dairy policy that gives Michigan farmers the tools they need to provide consumers with an abundant supply of milk products at the grocery store. I look forward to our continued partnership to support one of our state's top commodities," U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow said.

MMPA is a member-owned and controlled milk marketing cooperative serving nearly 2,000 dairy farmers in Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and Ohio.

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