



Affiliate Annual Report for Calendar Year 2025

(Complete Attachment B to be considered for one or more 2026 Affiliate Awards.)

To maintain compliance with IAFP Constitution and Bylaws, Affiliates must return this completed report. Please send by email to Susan Smith at: ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Please return the following items **electronically** by **Tuesday, March 3, 2026** (late reports will not be considered for awards):

REQUIRED:

- This completed form *(in English)*.
- Your Association's list of current term officers (complete Attachment A).

OPTIONAL:

- Attachment B: Completion required **only** if your Association requests to be considered for one or more Affiliate Awards.
- IAFP now accepts **all** Affiliate Annual Reports electronically, including those vying for one or more of the Affiliate Awards. *Affiliates seeking to present the highest quality visual presentation are encouraged to present their Annual Report in the highest quality possible for review by the Selection Committee. To avoid errors and omissions, please limit your submission to ONE email with all attachments.*
- Digital photos (with names and descriptions) to appear in the *Affiliate View* quarterly newsletter.

Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association

1. Your Official Delegate to IAFP Affiliate Council and Contact

Enter in the fields below the information requested for your Association's official Delegate to the IAFP Affiliate Council and your official Contact for IAFP correspondence. **Delegate must be an IAFP Member.**

Official Delegate to IAFP Affiliate Council

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IAFP Member? Y ☐ N ☒ But we will pay dues for Justin

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IAFP Member? Y ☒ N ☐

2. Membership List

- a. Indicate the current total number of members in your Association: 132 members
- b. How many NEW members joined your Association in 2024? 19 new members

3. Meetings: Annual Meeting/Conference, Educational, Workshops, Webinars, etc.

- a. On what date(s) was your most recent general membership or major meeting (i.e., Annual Meeting/Conference) during the past year? Please list number of attendees.

Our Annual Meeting/Conference was held on September 18th, 2025. We had 80 attendees which was up from 70 attendees the year before.

- b. Please provide the date(s) and location of your next scheduled major meeting (i.e., Annual Meeting/Conference):

Our next major meeting will be held April 29th, 2026 in LeSueur, MN. We will have a day filled with learning sessions for our attendee's.

- c. List all other general membership meetings held in 2024 (excluding board meetings). Include title, dates and attendance numbers.

Spring Meeting	April 30 th , 2025 – 71 Registered -67 in attendance
Fall Meeting/Conference	Sept 16 th -18 th – 80 attendees
Name of Meeting	Date(s) Held & # of Attendees

4. Awards and Scholarships

a. List members honored with an award from your Association and/or IAFP during 2024. Include name of award and qualification for award.

Ashley Nelson, First District Association	Presidents Award – Chosen by the UMDIA President to recognize outstanding service to the UMIDA organization
Dr. Nicole Neeser, Minnesota Department of Agriculture	Dairy Service Award - Any member who is actively working toward the attainment of quality milk, including regulatory and laboratory persons, Dairy Support representatives and educational professionals.
Deb Wehde, Agropur	Field Service Award - Any member who is working in a field service role and actively pursuing the attainment of quality milk.
Nate Mohr, First District Association	Award of Merit - Any present or retired member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the dairy industry

b. List scholarships awarded during 2025; include recipient and qualification for scholarship. To be chosen for the Upper Midwest Dairy Scholarship applicants must have the minimum requirements;

- Pursuing a degree in Animal Science with emphasis in dairy, Dairy Science, Food Animal Veterinary Medicine, Dairy Manufacturing, Dairy Technology or Dairy Food Science. (Other degree programs may be considered if there is strong evidence of commitment and contribution to the dairy industry.)
- Applications from freshmen and sophomore students will only be considered in the absence of qualifying junior or senior applicants.
- Completed at least one semester with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Plans to complete their degree program with the intent to come back and serve the Upper Midwest dairy industry.
- Reference letter (from a faculty member or dairy industry leader, not a family member)

Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Scholarship - \$1000	Maggie Cronk
Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Scholarship - \$1000	Hayley Daubert
Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Scholarship - \$1000	Sydney Haag
Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Scholarship - \$1000	Katelyn Kethum
Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Scholarship - \$1000	Claire Lutz

Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Scholarship - \$1000	Ting Mao
Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Scholarship - \$1000	Luke McCullough
Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Scholarship - \$1000	Tyler Ratka
Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Scholarship - \$1000	Addison Wemark

5. Web Communication

Please be sure to keep the IAFP office on your mailing list for newsletters, email, and other communications to your general membership.

Please provide your existing Affiliate's Web site address AND date last updated:

<https://www.umdia.org/> - Updated last in September 2025

Did you launch a new Affiliate Web site in 2025? Y ☐ N ☒

Attachment A (completion required)

Association Officers List

Provide the contact information requested below for all current officers of your Association. **Please indicate if each officer is an IAFP Member (reminder: Your President and Delegate are required to be IAFP Members).** The information you provide here is published on our website and in select membership materials. The information may be typed in the fields below or may be sent to our office by email, fax or regular mail.

Indicate the term dates (e.g., 2025-2026) for your current Executive Board:
2025-2026

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