



Dairy Farmers of America

## **Statement: Department of Justice Filing in Vermont**

*Please attribute to Monica Massey, executive vice president and chief of staff, Dairy Farmers of America*

We are aware of the Department of Justice (DOJ) filing and do not see that it has any bearing on the issues the Court will decide in our current case in Vermont.

The Statement of Interest filed by the DOJ's Antitrust Division provides its view on the Capper-Volstead Act. It is well-known and understood that the DOJ disfavors antitrust exemptions. That said, we are confident that we have operated within the limited exemptions allowed through the Capper-Volstead Act, which make it possible for farmers and co-ops to work together to sell their products.

DFA was formed by and is governed by dairy farmers and operates for the sole purpose of bringing value to our family farm-owners across the country. While a small group of disgruntled farmers feel differently, we remain committed to working hard every day to achieve this mission.

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### **About Dairy Farmers of America:**

Dairy Farmers of America is a national, farmer-owned dairy cooperative focusing on quality, innovation and the future of family dairies. While supporting and serving more than 13,000 family farm-owners, DFA manufactures a variety of dairy products, including fluid milk, cheese, butter, ice cream, dairy ingredients and more that connect our Cooperative's family farms to family tables with regional brands such as Country Fresh, Meadow Gold, Friendly's Ice Cream, Borden® Cheese, Plugra® Butter and Kemps® to name a few. On a global scale, we work with some of the world's largest food companies to develop ingredients their customers are craving, while staying committed to social responsibility and ethical farming. For more information, please visit [dfamilk.com](http://dfamilk.com).