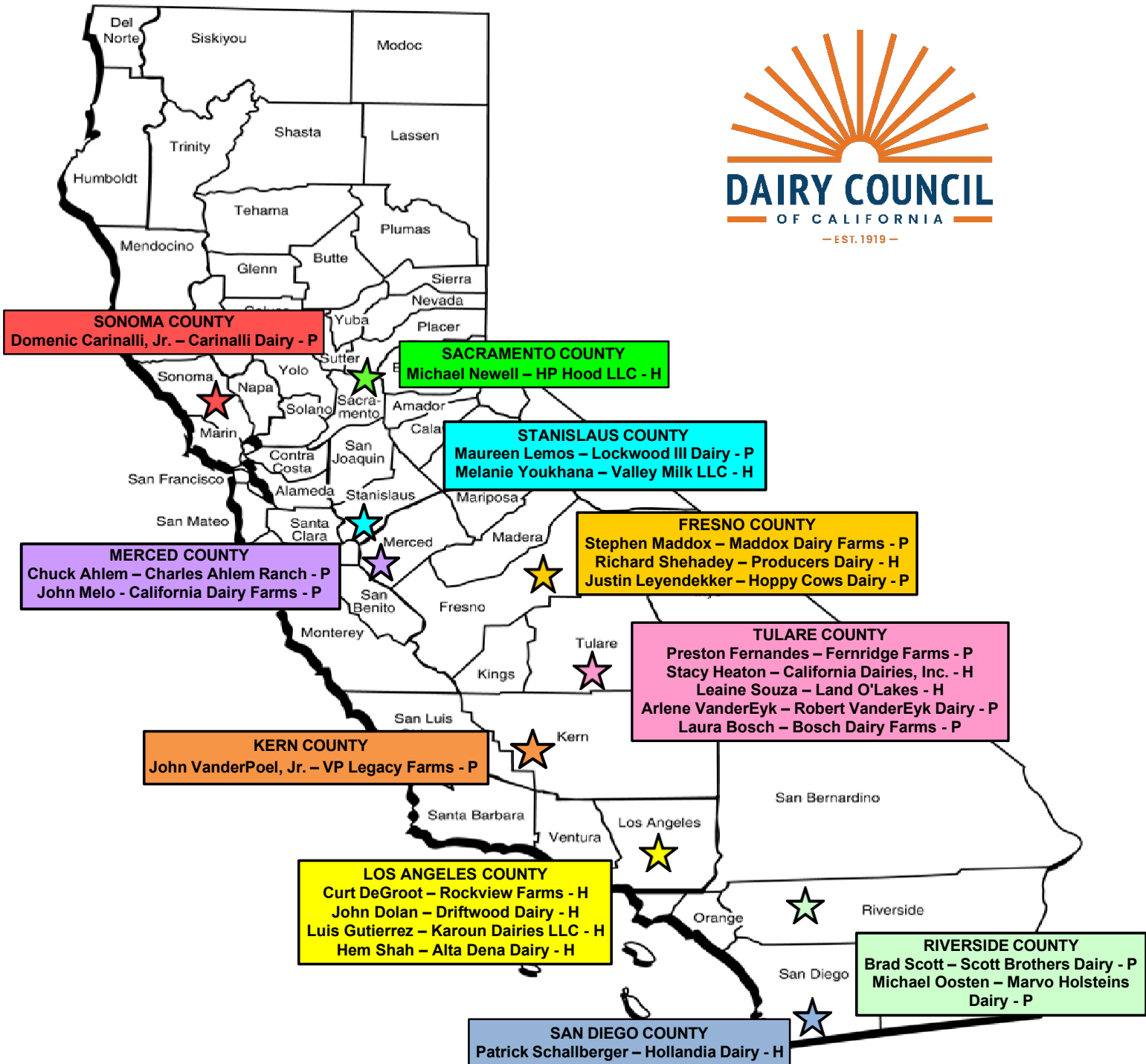


**Current Board Member Locations  
as of June 2026**  
H – Handler  
P – Producer





# Dairy Council Board of Directors

As of June 9, 2026



## Producer Members

Producer Member	Dairy Location	Term Ends
Vacancy		10-31-2026
Domenic Carinalli, Jr.	Sebastopol	10-31-2026
Maureen Lemos	Waterford	10-31-2026
Stephen Maddox	Riverdale	10-31-2026
Preston Fernandes	Tulare	10-31-2027
Michael Oosten	Lakeview	10-31-2027
Arlene VanderEyk	Pixley	10-31-2027
John VanderPoel, Jr.	Shafter	10-31-2027
Charles Ahlem	Hilmar	10-31-2028
Justin Leyendekker	Kingsburg	10-31-2028
John Melo	Hilmar	10-31-2028
Brad Scott	Moreno Valley	10-31-2028

## Handler Members

Handler Member	Company	Term Ends
Luis Gutierrez	Karoun Dairies, LLC	10-31-2026
Stacy Heaton	California Dairies, Inc.	10-31-2026
Patrick Schallberger	Hollandia Dairy	10-31-2026
Richard Shehadey	Producers Dairy	10-31-2026
John Dolan	Driftwood Dairy	10-31-2027
Hem Shah	Alta Dena (DFA)	10-31-2027
Vacancy		10-31-2027
Melanie Youkhana	Valley Milk, LLC	10-31-2027
Vacancy		10-31-2028
Curt DeGroot	Rockview Farms	10-31-2028
Mike Newell	HP Hood, LLC	10-31-2028
Leaine Souza	Land O'Lakes	10-31-2028

# Advancing Nutrition Education & Community Health Across California

Creating a Healthier Tomorrow Through Dairy



Partner with Dairy Council of California to expand access to trusted, science-based nutrition education and agricultural literacy.

For more than 100 years, Dairy Council of California has been a trusted leader in nutrition education, helping children, families, and communities build lifelong healthy eating habits that include milk and dairy foods through evidence-based programs and partnerships.

## Our Impact

### Evidence-Based Education

Delivering science-backed and user-tested nutrition programs that support lifelong healthy eating patterns

### Statewide Reach & Partnerships

Engaging education, healthcare, agriculture, and community leaders to create meaningful, system-wide impact

### Advancing Community Health

Strengthening nutrition security, food literacy, and access to relevant, high-quality nutrition education across California communities

## REACH ACROSS CALIFORNIA



**1.7 million**  
children and families reached



**6,400**  
trained professionals



**3,600**  
engaged partners advancing nutrition education



**216**  
events statewide



**24**  
nutrition guidelines informed

## Mobile Dairy Classroom

*A hands-on farm-to-school experience bringing dairy agriculture and nutrition to life*

- Live, interactive student experience connecting food, farming, and health
- Builds understanding of where food comes from and why it matters
- A trusted program serving schools statewide



**High Demand:** Schools across California request more visits than current capacity allows. Your support helps reach schools still waiting for access

90%+ rated effectiveness—advancing healthy eating and nutrition education with greater understanding of dairy farming.

## The Opportunity: High Demand, Scalable Impact

- Growing demand for credible, culturally relevant nutrition education
- Increasing requests from schools, educators, health professionals and community partners
- Proven programs ready to scale with additional support

## Why Partner With Dairy Council of California

- Expand access to science-based nutrition education
- Prepare for success using key food, nutrition and health trends
- Increase reach in communities with limited nutrition resources
- Strengthen public trust in nutrition and agriculture
- Support healthier behaviors and lifelong eating patterns
- Align your brand with a respected, statewide leader
- Gain visibility through co-branded programs, events, and outreach

## Sample Sponsorship Opportunities



### Platinum Sponsor — \$25,000+

Lead statewide impact and expand high-demand programs like the Mobile Dairy Classroom



### Gold Sponsor — \$10,000

Drive regional reach and meaningful community engagement through campaigns and events



### Silver Sponsor — \$5,000

Support education and trusted nutrition resources in classrooms and health centers



### Bronze Sponsor — \$1,000

Help bring essential nutrition education training to more communities



## Join Us in Building a Healthier California

Together, we can expand access to trusted nutrition education, strengthen communities, and inspire the next generation to live healthier lives. We look forward to discussing sponsorship opportunities that are mutually beneficial and meet your unique needs.

Questions? Contact Amy DeLisio at: [ADelisio@DairyCouncilofCA.org](mailto:ADelisio@DairyCouncilofCA.org) or 916.899.7853

# Let's Eat Healthy: Impact Summary

Dairy Council of California's Let's Eat Healthy (LEH) Initiative operated from 2020 to 2026 to advance evidence-based nutrition education, nutrition security and dairy advocacy across California through champion engagement, partnerships and community-driven initiatives. LEH strengthened awareness of dairy's role in healthy eating patterns across key life stages. Grounded in the social-ecological model, the initiative used a framework to influence actions across individual, organizational and community levels. Following is a summary of initiative successes.

## Statewide Reach & Engagement

Statewide engagement and collaboration occurred through Dairy Council of California's website, nutrition and dairy agricultural literacy resources, webinars, grants and leadership recognition. Key outcomes included:



24,155 multisector champions engaged statewide



16 organizations awarded grant funding for strategic community investment, engaging 136,959 children, families and adults across California



125+ statewide leaders engaged at the LEH Summit



38 LEH Leadership Awards given throughout California for engaging in actions that advanced the value of milk and dairy



350+ champions educated through Community of Practice webinars

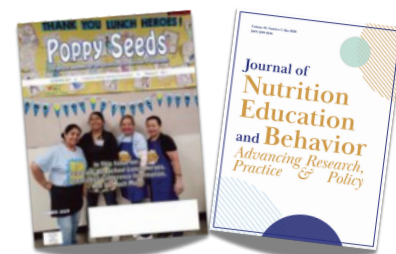
## Grant Investment for Big Community Impact

Dairy Council of California awarded \$98,600 over four years, which established a network of 16 funded partners, including school districts, community organizations and local agencies. Efforts activated collaboration across education, health care, academia and public health sectors. Funded projects expanded access to nutrition education in schools, family and community nutrition education, culinary, food literacy and dairy agricultural programming, policy systems and environmental strategies.

## Champion Development & Leadership

LEH elevated trusted nutrition leaders through:

- Five Community of Practice webinars that highlighted the expertise of 10 thought leaders
- Thought leadership collaborations that influenced leaders engaged through the Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior, California School Nutrition Association, California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, CalFresh Healthy Living and regional school wellness summits
- Storytelling and recognition opportunities
- Editorials translating nutrition science, school and community interventions and advocacy in practice: Poppy Seeds magazine; Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior; and Journal of Trauma-Informed Community Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity



## Resource Development

LEH created practical tools designed to support collective action and impact:

- LEH Framework published in the Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior
- LEH Toolkit and School Scorecard
- Dairy-rich globally inspired recipes
- Dairy Around the World activity sheet
- Community co-created videos and dairy inclusive recipes



## Strategic Legacy

LEH demonstrated that strategic investment in partnerships and evidence-based programming can drive measurable improvements in nutrition access, awareness, engagement and collaboration. The initiative leaves behind scalable tools, strong partnerships and a statewide community of 24,155 engaged in nutrition security and nutrition education activities that advance dairy as part of healthy eating patterns.

