



# Texas Association of Dairymen

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## **TAD BACKS COMBS, STAPLES IN ELECTION RACES**

*Candidates have record of support for Texas agriculture*

The Texas Association of Dairymen (TAD) has announced its endorsement and support of Susan Combs, candidate for Texas Comptroller, and Todd Staples, candidate for Texas Agriculture Commissioner. TAD's executive board based its decision largely on the candidates' performance in their current positions – Combs as Agriculture Commissioner and Staples as a Texas state senator.

“The office of comptroller is charged with managing the business of our state government, and Susan Combs is the perfect person to hold this position,” said John Cowan, TAD executive director. “Not only does she understand our state and its economy, but, as both a rancher and current Agriculture Commissioner she understands that agriculture continues to have a major role in both, even in 21<sup>st</sup> century Texas.”

Staples also has been a long-time friend of agriculture as both a state representative and state senator representing East Texas.

“There's no question that Todd Staples is well-qualified to serve as Texas' next Agriculture Commissioner,” Cowan said. “As a legislator, he has consistently been a friend of agriculture, looking out for the interests of farmers and ranchers throughout Texas, not just in his district. And, like Susan Combs, he has first-hand experience as a partner with his father in a cow-calf operation.”

Both candidates welcomed TAD's endorsement and support.

“I thank Texas' dairymen not only for their support of my candidacy, but also for their continued dedication to feeding the people of Texas,” Combs said. “I've enjoyed working with dairy producers during my two terms as Agriculture Commissioner, and I will continue to represent their interests as Comptroller.”

Staples said, “Texas dairymen play a vital role in the supply of an essential commodity. Their good work results not only in a fresh supply of a wholesome product, but in thousands of jobs and a real boost to the Texas economy. I am honored to receive the endorsement of the Texas Association of Dairymen.

*The Texas Association of Dairymen ([www.milk4texas.org](http://www.milk4texas.org)) is a non-profit corporation comprised of dairy cooperatives whose members are individual milk producers in Texas.*

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