

# **IDFA NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Statement from IDFA President and CEO Connie Tipton on 2008 Election Outcome**

**(Washington, D.C. — November 6, 2008)** "We congratulate President-elect Barack Obama and look forward to working with his administration and the re-elected and newly elected members of the 111th Congress.

"Of course, the top priority on everyone's agenda will be to get our economy back on track. Given these uncertain economic times, we appreciate that the new administration has already called for input and acknowledged the importance of understanding the issues from all points of view.

"IDFA will be at the table to represent the dairy industry's interests. We will continue to work closely with farm and consumer groups, as well as with food industry and business organizations, to advance policies that acknowledge the value the U.S. dairy industry and the jobs it creates. In addition, we will work collaboratively to support the growth of domestic and international dairy markets and promote milk and dairy products as part of a healthy diet for all Americans."

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The International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA), Washington, D.C., represents the nation's dairy manufacturing and marketing industries and their suppliers, with a membership of 530 companies representing a \$110-billion a year industry. IDFA is composed of three constituent organizations: the Milk Industry Foundation (MIF), the National Cheese Institute (NCI), and the International Ice Cream Association (IICA). IDFA's 220 dairy processing members run more than 600 plant operations, and range from large multi-national organizations to single-plant companies. Together they represent more than 85% of the milk, cultured products, cheese and frozen desserts produced and marketed in the United States. IDFA can be found online at [www.idfa.org](http://www.idfa.org)