

The following questions were sent to candidates for Massachusetts Legislature and Governor in July. Responses are on the following pages, organized alphabetically by candidates' last names. If your candidates are not listed, please contact them and ask them to respond.

Fact: Massachusetts dairy farmers are currently allowed to sell raw (unpasteurized) milk to consumers at their farms. Sales of this milk are regulated by MDAR (the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources) to ensure safety. The price that farmers receive for such milk ranges from 6 to 10 times as much as they receive for milk sent to pasteurization plants.

Question 1: Do you support the right of consumers to ask someone else to pick up their milk for them at the farm?

Question 2: Would you support regulations allowing farmers to deliver raw milk to their customers?

Question 3: Would you support regulations allowing farmers to sell raw milk at farmers markets?

Question 4: Would you support regulations allowing farmers to sell other unpasteurized dairy products, such as skim milk and cream?

Question 5: Would you support regulations allowing retail sales of raw milk at retail stores not on farms?

Fact: More than 30 Massachusetts towns have passed resolutions calling on the state legislature to regulate the use of GMOs (genetically modified organisms) in agriculture and in our food.

Question 6: Do you think consumers have the right to know when they are eating food containing GMOs?

Question 7: Would you support state regulations calling for GMO labeling in food?

Question 8: Would you support state regulations that make manufacturers of GMO crops strictly liable for damages caused by genetic contamination from their products to organic or other non-GMO crops?

Fact: In Massachusetts, poultry sold to restaurants must be slaughtered in a USDA inspected plant. No such plant, however, exists in Massachusetts. To aid farm viability, Connecticut just signed into law a "Farms, Foods, and Jobs bill" allowing poultry slaughtered at farms inspected by the state to be sold to restaurants and hotels.

Question 9: Would you support regulations allowing sale of poultry slaughtered at state-inspected facilities?

Y = Yes

N = No

E = I don't know right now. Help educate me.

FRANK JOHN ADDIVINOLA, JR.

SEN FIRST SUFFOLK & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

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| 1: Y | 2: Y | 3: E
Consumer needs educated choice and market rep must understand the safety of raw milk. |
| 4: Y | 5: E
Same concern as #3. | 6: Y |
| 7: Y | 8: Y
Liable but not strictly liable -- liability based on fault. | 9: Y |

IVO M. ALMEIDA

REP ELEVENTH BRISTOL DISTRICT

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|-------------|--|---|
| 1: y | 2: y | 3: y |
| 4: y | 5: y
As long as it is labeled appropriately. | 6: Y
Should be mandated if it is. |
| 7: Y | 8: Y | 9: Y |

DENISE ANDREWS

REP SECOND FRANKLIN DISTRICT

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| 1: Y | 2: Y | 3: Y |
| 4: Y | 5: Y | 6: Y |
| 7: Y | 8: Y | 9: Y
Your work is invaluable. Thank you! |

WILLIAM N. BROWNSBERGER REP TWENTY-FOURTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

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| 1: Y
I wrote to MDAR opposing the regs that would have prohibited this. | 2: Y | 3: Y
With appropriate labeling -- this applies to all answers below. |
| 4: Y | 5: E | 6: E
This is a federal issue, I think. |
| 7: E
See 6 | 8: E | 9: E |

Timothy P. Cahill GOV Statewide

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| 1: E | 2: E | 3: E |
| 4: E | 5: E | 6: E |
| 7: E | 8: E | 9: E |

GAILANNE M. CARIDDI REP FIRST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT

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| 1: Y
I wrote a letter in support of this to Secretary Soares. | 2: Y | 3: Y |
| 4: Y | 5: Y | 6: Y |
| 7: Y | 8: E | 9: Y |

DANIEL D. DUBRULE

SEN WORCESTER, HAMPDEN, HAMPSHIRE & FRANKLIN DISTRICT

1: E

2: E

3: E

4: E

5: E

6: Y

7: Y

8: Y

9: Y

PETER J. DURANT

REP SIXTH WORCESTER DISTRICT

1: Y

2: Y

3: Y

4: Y

5: Y

6: Y

7: Y

8: E

9: Y

JAMES B. ELDRIDGE

SEN MIDDLESEX & WORCESTER DISTRICT

1: E

2: Y

3: Y

4: Y

5: Y

6: Y

7: Y

8: E

9: Y

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Responses as of 10/11/2010

JAMES H. FAGAN

REP THIRD BRISTOL DISTRICT

1: Y

2: Y

3: Y

Helps to preserve small farms.

4: Y

5: N

6: Y

7: N

8: N

9: Y

Increases cost.

BARRY R. FINEGOLD

SEN SECOND ESSEX & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

1: E

2: E

3: E

4: E

5: E

6: Y

7: Y

8: E

9: E

PATRICK M. GERRY

REP SECOND WORCESTER DISTRICT

1: Y

2: Y

3: E

Why not.

4: E

5: Y

6: E

7: E

8: E

9: Y

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NEAL ANDREW HEEREN

SEN WORCESTER & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

1: Y 2: Y 3: Y

4: Y 5: Y 6: Y

7: Y 8: N 9: Y

WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, SR.

SEN FIRST WORCESTER DISTRICT

1: Y 2: Y 3: Y

4: Y 5: E 6: Y

7: Y 8: E 9: Y

The state should be helping our Massachusetts farmers today.

DONALD F. HUMASON, JR.

REP FOURTH HAMPDEN DISTRICT

1: Y 2: Y 3: Y

4: Y 5: Y 6: E

7: E 8: E 9: Y

RANDY HUNT

REP FIFTH BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

1: Hi. Thanks for sending me the NOFA questionnaire. It's pretty obvious to me that I'm woefully ignorant about most of the issues covered in the questionnaire.

2: Let me tell you that I am a CPA, small business owner, and support just about anything that would relax state regulation and taxes on small businesses, including those of your members. I'm sure there's an opposing position on each of the issues you bring up in the questionnaire, but unless there's some unreasonable risk to public health, I believe I'd line up with you on most of these issues.

3:

4:

5:

6:

7: In the case of GMOs, I'd have the same opinion. That is, unless there's an unreasonable risk to public health, I would not favor labeling those products. Perhaps there is evidence that supports your position on the labeling issue. Please educate me on this.

8:

9: I won't be sending in a completed questionnaire, but it appears that we will be allies once I am elected to the legislature.

JOHN M. IREDALE

REP SECOND NORFOLK DISTRICT

1: Y **2:** Y **3:** Y

4: Y **5:** Y **6:** E

7: E **8:** E **9:** Y

Need to do what we can to open markets & help farmers!

RODNEY ARVID JOSEPHSON

REP FIFTH WORCESTER DISTRICT

1: Y **2:** Y **3:** Y

4: Y **5:** **6:** Y

I support business. Both retail and farms should have the right to sell.

7: Y **8:** Y **9:** Y

STEVEN L. LEVY

REP FOURTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

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|---|---|--|
| 1: Y
Consumers should not be restricted in how they obtain a legal product. | 2: Y | 3: Y
Appropriate regulation should be in place to assure safe storage. |
| 4: Y
Consumers should have a choice. | 5: Y | 6: Y
Completely agree with full consumer disclosure. |
| 7: Y | 8: E
Would lean with Yes but need more information. | 9: E
See question 8 |

JASON M. LEWIS

REP THIRTY-FIRST MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

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| 1: Y
I sent a letter to MDAR supporting the rights of citizens to have raw milk delivered. | 2: Y | 3: Y |
| 4: Y
Assuming they met certain public health and/or meaningful consumer education standards, I would support this. | 5: Y
If the milk is appropriately labeled for consumer understanding of their purchase. | 6: Y |
| 7: Y | 8: E
I would like to better understand the ramifications of the mentioned genetic contamination before asserting a definitive position. | 9: E
I am a member of Lindentree CSA. |

MARC T. LOMBARDO

REP TWENTY-SECOND MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

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| 1: Y | 2: Y | 3: Y |
| 4: Y | 5: Y | 6: Y |
| 7: Y | 8: E | 9: Y |

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JOHN J. MAHONEY

REP THIRTEENTH WORCESTER DISTRICT

1: Y 2: Y 3: Y

4: Y 5: Y 6: Y

7: Y 8: Y 9: Y

Please keep me informed -- Thank you.

DEREK A. MAKSY

SEN FIRST BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

1: Y 2: Y 3: Y

I have grown cranberries thru NOFA.

4: Y 5: E 6: E

7: E 8: E 9: Y

MARIO S. MARCHESE

REP NINETEENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

1: Y 2: Y 3: Y

4: Y 5: N 6: Y

7: Y 8: Y 9: Y

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JOE MICHAUD

REP NINTH BRISTOL DISTRICT

1: Y	2: Y	3: Y Provided reasonable health and safety guidelines are followed.
4: Y	5: E	6: Y
7: Y	8: E	9: Y

RICHARD T. MOORE

SEN WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT

1: Y	2: Y	3: Y
4: Y	5: Y	6: Y
7: Y	8: Y	9: Y

JAMES F. MUNAFO, JR.

REP SECOND BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

1: Y	2: Y	3: Y
4: Y	5: Y	6: Y
7: Y	8: E	9: E I would lean strongly to yes, depending on the legislation.

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ANGELO J. PUPPOLO, JR. REP TWELFTH HAMPDEN DISTRICT

1: I consider myself a pro Massachusetts **2:** **3:**
grown consumer and I support and buy
local products. I would need to review
specific language in any particular bill.

4: **5:** **6:**

7: **8:** **9:**

MICHAEL J. RODRIGUES SEN FIRST BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

1: Y **2:** Y **3:** Y

4: Y **5:** Y **6:** E

7: E **8:** E **9:** Y

PAUL A. SCHMID, III REP EIGHTH BRISTOL DISTRICT

1: Y **2:** Y **3:** Y

I have a certified organic farm at 236 Fishville
Lane, Westport.

4: Y **5:** Y **6:** Y

7: Y **8:** Y **9:** Y

FRANK ISRAEL SMIZIK

REP FIFTEENTH NORFOLK DISTRICT

1: E

I'm worried about the potential health risks and concerns for the potential lack of consumer education about unpasteurized products.

2: E

I'm worried about the potential health risks and concerns for the potential lack of consumer education about unpasteurized products.

3: E

I'm worried about the potential health risks and concerns for the potential lack of consumer education about unpasteurized products.

4: E

I'm worried about the potential health risks and concerns for the potential lack of consumer education about unpasteurized products.

5: N

I'm worried about the potential health risks and concerns for the potential lack of consumer education about unpasteurized products.

6: Y

Consumers should be educated on food products they're consuming, therefore information and labeling must be useful.

7: Y

Consumers should be educated on food products they're consuming, therefore information and labeling must be useful.

8: E

I would like more information about enforceability.

9: Y

I would support adequate regulatory capabilities with enforcement capabilities.

ELLEN STORY

REP THIRD HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT

1: Y

Only if it is local and in small numbers.

2: Y

3: Y

4: Y

5: N

Local farms delivering to local people only.

6: Y

7: Y

8: Y

9: Y

BENJAMIN SWAN

REP ELEVENTH HAMPDEN DISTRICT

1: Y

Assuming that the farmer is in synch with it.

2: Y

The arrangement should be between the seller and the buyer.

3: Y

Health risks must be identified.

4: Y

Information regarding any health risk must be listed on labels.

5: N

Maybe both!

6: Y

7: Y

8: Y

9: Y

This is the way it was when I was growing up.

