

## **Thomas M. (Tom) Balmer**

Tom Balmer is the Executive Vice President of the National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) in Arlington, VA. His primary responsibilities include the general management of all administrative and operational functions for NMPF, including finance and accounting services, human resources, and contract services. In addition, Mr. Balmer provides oversight in several program areas related to Scientific and Regulatory affairs. As part of his management portfolio, he also serves as the Executive Director for both the American Butter Institute and the National Ice Cream Mix Association.

Mr. Balmer is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University where he earned a B.S. in Food Science and a M.S. in Agricultural Economics. He has been employed in the dairy and food industry for the past 40 years and has been on the staff of NMPF since 1997.

Throughout this entire period, he has worked extensively on dairy product standards of identity and labeling issues, leading industrywide education efforts in this arena dating back to the implementation of the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990. Mr. Balmer has also served as a US industry representative and Committee Chair within the International Dairy Federation (IDF) and as an IDF adviser to the Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products.