



**National Association of
Dairy Regulatory Officials
67th Annual Meeting
July 12th – 15th 2026 Williamsburg, Virginia**



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Officers

2026-2027

(Installed at the end of 2026 conference)

President	Gene Stegeman, South Dakota Dept. of Agriculture & Natural Resources
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Vice President	Heather Torino, New York State Dept. of Agriculture & Markets
Secretary	Paul Wadham, Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture
Past President	Sofia Stifflemire, Texas Dept. of State Health Services
Exec. Treasurer	Eunice Schlappi

2025-2026

(Installed at the end of 2025 conference)

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National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials - NADRO 2026 Annual Conference – Williamsburg, VA July 12 - 15, 2026

Saturday, July 11, 2026

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Early Arrival & registration
NO EVENING ACTIVITY PLANNED

Sunday, July 12, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, July 12, 2026 Afternoon Session - Moderator – President, Sofia Stifflemire - TX

1:00 p.m.	Welcome	President Sofia Stifflemire
1:30 p.m.	Virginia Welcome	Katie Frazier Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry
1:45 p.m.	State Reports*	
3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m.	Business Session	
	Call to Order	
	Roll Call	
	President's Report	
	NASDA Report	
	Committee Assignments	
	Resolution Assignments	
After business meeting	State Reports*	
5:30 p.m.	Adjourn	
6:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own	

Monday, July 13, 2026 - Moderator – Secretary, Heather Torino- NY

8:00 a.m.	Welcome	Sofia Stifflemire, TX
8:15 a.m.	Dairy Stewardship- Chesapeake Bay	Christian Anderson, Alliance for the Bay
9:15 a.m.	NMPF Update	Miquela Hanselman, NMPF
9:45 a.m.	Break	
10:00 a.m.	Historical Triangle	Howard & Matt Smith
10:30 a.m.	Monastery Country Cheese	Sr María Gonzalo-García, OCSO Cheese Production Manager of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery
11:30 a.m.	Break	
11:45 a.m.	Board Bus for Agriculture Tour (dinner included)	

Tuesday July 14, 2026 - Moderator – President-Elect, Gene Stegeman - SD

8:00 a.m.	Virginia cheese and Ice cream	Shep Stearns, SDBII
8:45 a.m.	USDA Update	Chris Thompson, USDA

9:30 a.m.	IDFA Update	Danielle Quist, IDFA
10:15 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m.	NCIMS Update	Brian Wise NCIMS Chair
11:00 a.m.	The Dairy Alliance	Elizabeth Moretz
11:45 a.m.	Lunch on your own	

Tuesday (p.m.) July 14, 2026 - Moderator - Vice President, Stephen Beam - CA

1:00 p.m.	3-A	Erik Schweitzer & Meri Beth Wojtaszek
2:00 p.m.	New World Screwworm	Dr. Charlie Broaddus, VA State Veterinarian
2:30 p.m.	Environmental Monitoring	Heather Spraker, Cornell
3:15 p.m.	Break	
3:30 p.m.	Committee Meetings (NADRO Committee Orientation if needed)	
5:00 p.m.	Recess	
6:00 p.m.	Reception	
7:00 p.m.	Banquet / Awards	

Wednesday July 15, 2026 - Moderator – President, Sofia Stifflemire - TX

8:00 a.m.	State Reports & Committee Reports
9:45 a.m.	Break
10:00 a.m.	Business Session
	Roll Call
	Resolution Committee Report
	Financial Report
	Audit report
	Old Business
	New Business
	Nominating Committee Report
	Election of Officers
	Host States for Next two Annual Meetings
	-Montana– 2027
	- ?- 2028
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn – Have a safe journey home!

* A representative from each state will be given the opportunity to provide a brief **(5 minutes)** dairy industry update regarding their home state

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Alabama	Del	Audra	Phillips	AL Dept of Public Health
	Alt	Jim	Daughtry	AL Dept of Public Health
Arizona	Del	Roland	Mader	AZ Dept of Ag
	Alt	Holly	Mann	AZ Dept of Ag
California	Del	Dr Stephen	Beam	CA Dept of Food/Agri
	Alt	Robin	Trinidad	CA Dept of Food/Agri
	Alt	Scott	Thomason	CA Dept of Food/Agri
Colorado	Del	Bradley	Turpin	CO Dept of Public Health & Environ
	Alt	Ryan	Allen	CO Dept of Public Health & Environ
Connecticut	Del	James	Allyn	CT Dept of Agriculture
	Alt	Kurt	Nieminen	CT Dept of Agriculture
Florida	Del	Kevin	See	FL Dept of Ag & Cons Svcs
	Alt	Rachel	Demarzio	FL Dept of Ag & Cons Svcs
Georgia	Del	Amanda	Phinazee	Georgia Dept of Agriculture
	Alt	Terrah	Spraggins	Georgia Dept of Agriculture
Idaho	Del	Mitch	Vermeer	ID Dept of Agriculture
	Alt	Matt	Meyers	ID Dept of Agriculture
Indiana	Del	Patrick	Hash	Bd of AH Dairy Division
	Alt	Nathan	Campbell	Bd of AH Dairy Division
Kentucky	Del	Jeff	Tapp	Ky Milk Safety Branch
	Alt	Mark	Brackett	Ky Milk Safety Branch
Maryland	Del	Stephanie	Rowles	MD Dept of Health
	Alt	Paul	Dix	MD Dept of Health
Massachusetts	Del	Jessica	Edwards	MA Dept of Ag Resources
Michigan	Del	Barbara	Koeltzow	Michigan Department of Agriculture
	Alt	Amy	Heintzelman	Michigan Department of Agriculture
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	Alt	Job	Greenall	State of MT-Dept of Livestock
Nevada	Del	Lisa	Burnett	NV Dept of Agriculture
	Alt	Sarah	Fox	NV Dept of Agriculture
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	Alt	John	Keller	NJ Dept of Ag
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	Alt	Casey	Hale	New Mexico Dept of Agriculture
New York	Del	Casey	McCue	New York Dept of Agriculture
	Alt	Heather	Torino	New York Dept of Agriculture
North Dakota	Del	Nathan	Kroh	North Dakota Dept of Agriculture
	Alt	Haylee	Viger	North Dakota Dept of Agriculture
Ohio	Del	Brian	Wise	Ohio Dept of Ag
	Alt	Kristopher	Welch	Ohio Dept of Ag

2026 Member Agencies, Delegates, and Alternate Delegates

Oklahoma	Del	Pete	Echelle	OK Dept of Ag
Oregon	Del	Karel-Gustaaf	Smit	OR Dept of Ag-Food Safety
	Alt	Robert	Wilson	OR Dept of Ag-Food Safety
Pennsylvania	Del	Karie	Williams	PA Dept of Agriculture
	Alt	Stefanie	Smith	PA Dept of Agriculture
Rhode Island	Del	Jarrold	Olbres	RI Dept of Health
South Dakota	Del	Gene	Stegeman	SD Dept of Ag
	Alt	Tony	Shumaker	SD Dept of Ag
Tennessee	Del	Danny	Withers	TN Dept of Ag-Dairy Section
	Alt	Paul	Wadham	TN Dept of Ag-Dairy Section
Texas	Del	Sofia	Stifflemire	TX Dept of State Health Svcs
	Alt	Harris	Hollingsworth	TX Dept of State Health Svcs
Vermont	Del	E. B.	Flory	VT Agency of Ag, Food & Mkts
	Alt	Ian	Wilson	VT Agency of Ag, Food & Mkts
Virginia	Del	Hunter	Moyer	VA Dept of Ag & Cons Svcs
	Alt	Sean	Hejja	VA Dept of Ag & Cons Svcs
Wisconsin	Del	Tyson	Villarreal	WI Dept of Ag, Trade & CP
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Nevada

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Will Francis

Dwayne Lipinski

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North Dakota

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Ohio

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Clyde Lacey

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Dan Rackley

James E Smith

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Eric Paulson

Al Tesda

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G. William Fouse

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Vern Brakke

Darwin Kurtenbach

Roger Sheibe

Vermont

Dan Scruton

Donald F George

Byron Moyer

Virginia

John Beers

Washington

Donald Penders

Lucy Severs

Wisconsin

Tom Leitzke

Past Presidents

1958-59	Dr. W.L. Bendix (VA)	1991-92	Marvin R. Patten (ID)
1959-60	C.H. Holcombe (MN)	1992-93	Bruce Williams (NC)
1960-61	Dr. Richard Parry (CT)	1993-94	William Coleman (MN)
1961-62	Harry Tiberend (WY)	1994-95	Harold Rudnick (NY)
1962-63	Dr. W.L. Bendix (VA)	1995-96	Kyle Stephens (UT)
1963-64	Bruce Rowley (KS)	1996-97	Terry Long (MO)
1964-65	Laurence Clough (NY)	1997-98	Byron Moyer (VT)
1965-66	Harry Staver (CO)	1998-99	Donald R. Penders (WA)
1966-67	C. Harold Amick (SD)	1999-00	John A. Beers (VA)
1967-68	Donald Spiegel (?)	2000-01	Darwin Kurtenbach (SD)
1968-69	Peter Griffin (MA)	2001-02	Claudia G. Coles (WA)
1969-70	Dean Christensen (ID)	2002-03	Jim Dell (PA)
1970-71	Howard Brosset (LA)	2003-04	John Miller (FL)
1971-73	Herbert Kling (NY)	2004-05	Lewis R. Jones (OH)
1973-74	R. L. Van Buren (CA)	2005-06	Mike Wiggs (ID)
1974-75	M.W. Jefferson (VA)	2006-07	Will Francis (NY)
1975-76	Kenneth Van Patten (MI)	2007-08	Peggy Gates (GA)
1976-77	Archie S. Hurst (UT)	2008-09	Greg Pittman (MN)
1977-78	Gene Dally (GA)	2009-10	Linda Stratton (WY)
1978-79	G. William Fouse (PA)	2010-11	Cathy Kaszowski (MA)
1979-80	Orlowe M. Olsten (MN)	2011-12	Chris Thompson (KY)
1980-81	Jess D. Strum (WY)	2012-13	Sue Esser (MI)
1981-82	Jay Boosinger (FL)	2013-14	Casey McCue (NY)
1982-83	Alfred R. Place (NY)	2014-15	Dru Haderlie (WY)
1983-84	Kenneth D. Feighner (MI)	2015-16	Gary Newton (FL)
1984-85	Fred G. Glerk (NM)	2016-17	Gene Wiseman (MO)
1985-86	Archie C. Holliday (VA)	2017-18	James Allyn (CT)
1986-87	Donald George (VT)	2018-19	Mike Wiggs (ID)
1987-88	Ronald W. McKay (OR)	2018-19	Zach Conlin (FL)
1988-89	Daniel J. Borer (NE)	2019-20	Zach Conlin (FL)
1989-90	Charles H. Murphy (GA)	2020-21	Terry Philibeck (MI)
1990-91	Dave Sheldon (MA)	2021-22	Nathan Campbell (IN)

Past Presidents

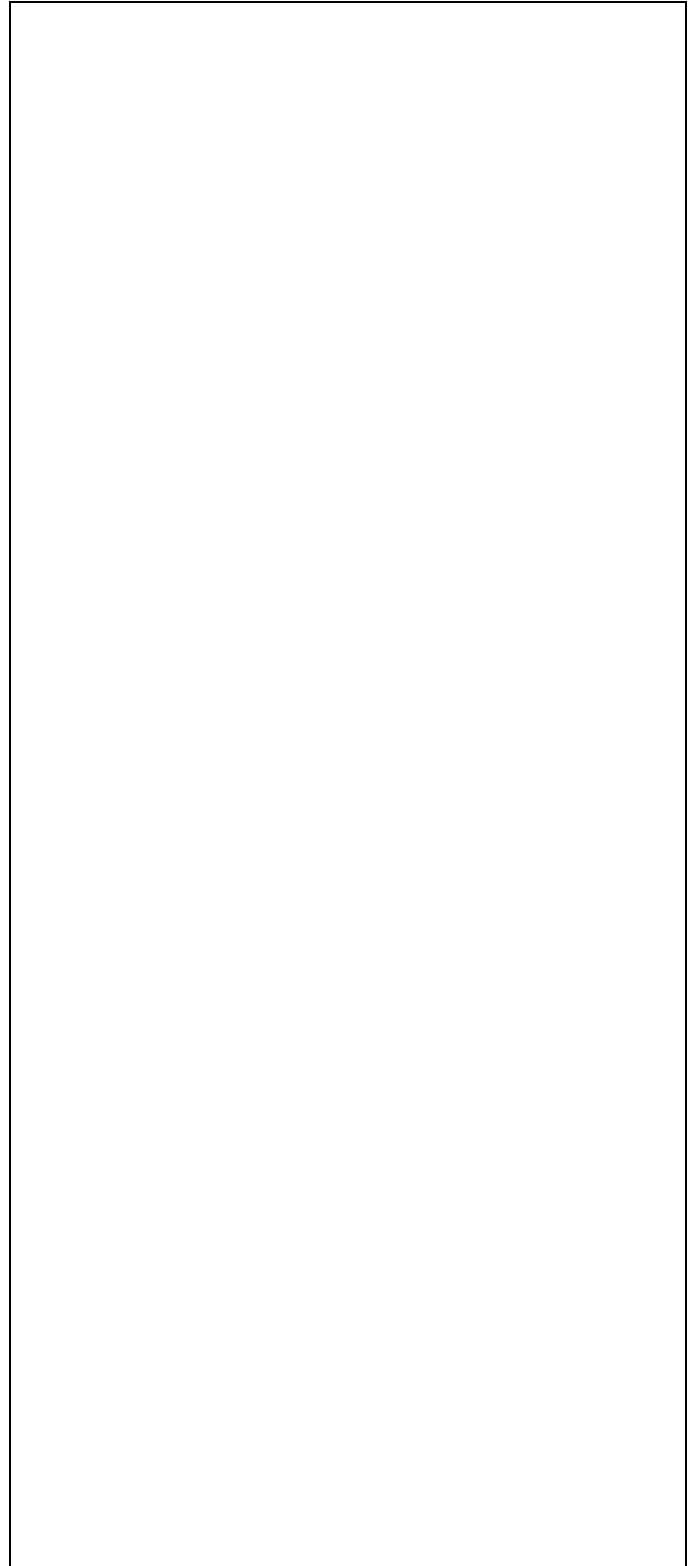
2022-23	Dustin Cox (NM)
2023-24	Dustin Cox (NM)
2024-25	E.B. Flory (VT)
2025-26	Sofia Stifflemire (TX)

Past Meeting Locations

1959	Nashville, TN
1960	Memphis, TN
1961	Jackson, WY
1962	Buffalo, NY
1963	Dodge City, KS
1964	New Orleans, LA
1965	Sante Fe, NM
1966	Burlington, VT
1967	Madison, WI
1968	Morgantown, WV
1969	Jackson, WY
1970	Windsor, CT
1971	Sandusky, OH
1972	Miami Beach, FL
1973	-----
1974	-----
1975	-----
1976	Williamsburg, VA
1977	-----
1978	Saratoga Springs, NY
1979	Branson, MO
1980	Lexington, KY
1981	Boise, ID
1982	Portland, ME
1983	Traverse City, MI
1984	Winston-Salem, NC
1985	Portland, OR
1986	Burlington, VT
1987	Rapid City, SD
1988	Long Boat Key, FL
1989	Spokane, WA
1990	Boston, MA

1991	Lincoln, NE
1992	Williamsburg, VA
1993	Park City, UT
1994	Albany, NY
1995	Bloomington, MN
1996	Nashville, TN
1997	Sun Valley, ID
1998	Harrisburg, PA
1999	Lake of the Ozarks, MO
2000	Traverse City, MI
2001	Jackson, WY
2002	Colchester, VT
2003	Wisconsin Dells, WI
2004	Louisville, KY
2005	Portland, OR
2006	Lake Placid, NY
2007	Columbus, OH
2008	Norfolk, VA
2009	Reno, NV
2010	Portland, ME
2011	Rapid City, SD
2012	Orange Beach, AL
2013	Cody, WY
2014	Kansas City, MO
2015	Saratoga Springs, NY
2016	Grand Rapids, MI
2017	Jupiter, FL
2018	Albuquerque, NM
2019	Groton, CT
2020	No meeting – Covid
2021	Virtual (one day) – Covid
2022	Nashville, TN

2023	Madison, WI
2024	Tucson, AZ
2025	Burlington, VT
2026	Williamsburg, VA



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DAIRY REGULATORY OFFICIALS

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I Officers

SECTION (1) All officers of the Association shall be elected annually at the annual Association meeting, and shall serve from final adjournment of the annual Association meeting at which they have been elected until the final adjournment of the next annual Association meeting or until their successors have been duly chosen. (Amended, December 5, 2008)

SECTION (2) Nominations for each office in the Association shall be made by a Nominations Committee appointed by the President. Additional nominations may be made by any member of the Association. (Amended, December 5, 2008)

SECTION (3) The President shall perform the usual duties pertaining to that office and shall appoint all necessary committees. Committee members shall serve until their successors have been duly appointed or the committee discharged, unless otherwise indicated by members of the Association at any Association meeting. (Amended, December 5, 2008)

SECTION (4) The President-Elect shall assume the duties and powers of the President in the absence of the President, and shall perform such other duties as the Executive Committee may direct. The President-elect shall automatically become President of the Association whenever a vacancy in the office occurs. The President-Elect, when assuming the duties of the President due to a vacancy in that office, shall not, as a result thereof, be ineligible for election to the office of President for the subsequent year. Members shall not be eligible to succeed themselves after having been elected to any office, except for the Executive Treasurer, who may succeed herself/himself. (Amended, December 5, 2008)

SECTION (5) The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Association meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee and conduct all official correspondence of the Association. (Amended, December 5, 2008)

SECTION (6) The Executive Treasurer shall collect and disburse all monies of the Association. The records and accounts of the Association shall be audited annually by a committee appointed by the President. (Amended, December 5, 2008)

ARTICLE II Executive Committee

A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held immediately after each annual Association meeting. Other meetings may be called, on not less than fourteen days notice, by the President or by a majority of the members of the Executive Committee. The

Executive Committee, after notice to all of its members, may also act by written vote, filed with the Secretary. (Amended, December 5, 2008)

ARTICLE III Dues

SECTION (1) Dues, if any, shall be set at a regular meeting of the Association, and shall be paid annually, by or on behalf of each State or Territory Department of Agriculture, State or Territory Department of Health, or other State or Territory Agency which has designated a person or persons for membership. Such dues shall be payable annually in January, and nonpayment of such dues by, or on behalf of any State or Territory shall operate to suspend such State or Territory from all rights and privileges of the Association, including voting privileges. (Amended July 26, 1962; July 26, 2000; July 13, 2005; December 5, 2008)

SECTION (2) No dues shall be required of honorary lifetime members. (Amended July 26, 2000)

ARTICLE IV Procedure

The Proceedings and deliberations of the Association, including meetings of the Executive Committee, shall be governed by the Rules of Parliamentary Practices established by Roberts' Rules of Order, revised. (Amended, December 5, 2008)

ARTICLE V Honorary Lifetime Membership

SECTION (1) Honorary lifetime membership may be bestowed on any former member who has attended at least five annual meetings as a voting delegate or as an alternate delegate and who is no longer active in enforcement of any state or territory dairy laws, by a majority of the Executive Committee. (Amended July 26, 2000)

SECTION (2) Honorary lifetime members shall be entitled to all the privileges and information granted to a member, except voting rights. The honorary lifetime member shall be entitled to complimentary dues remission, but may be required to pay all or a portion of the normal registration fee for the meeting in which they are in attendance as determined by the Executive Committee. (Amended July 14, 1983; July 26, 2000)

ARTICLE VI Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended at any duly scheduled meeting attended by a majority of the members. (Amended, December 5, 2008)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DAIRY REGULATORY OFFICIALS, INC.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I Name

The name of this association shall be the National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials, Inc. (Amended December 4, 2008)

ARTICLE II Objectives and Purposes

The objectives and purposes of this Association shall be to:

- (1) Protect the health, welfare, and interests of the consumers of dairy products;
 - (2) Consider problems and effect programs designed to further the interests of our American dairy farmer and dairy industry;
 - (3) Promote unity and efficiency in the application of regulatory measures in the dairy fields;
 - (4) Formulate recommendations relating to the general use or application of designations, definitions, standards of composition, marketing, standard methods of analysis, and requirements for marketing and labeling milk and dairy products;
 - (5) Advise the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture on dairy issues.
- (Amended July 26, 2000; December 4, 2008)

ARTICLE III Membership

The membership of this Association shall consist of such persons charged with the enforcement of state or territory dairy laws or program evaluation as designated by the head of each State or Territory Department of Agriculture, State or Territory Department of Health, or other State or Territory Agency. All heads of State or Territory Departments of Agriculture, State or Territory Departments of Health, or other State or Territory Agency shall be ex-officio members of this Association. (Amended August 15, 2005; December 4, 2008)

ARTICLE IV Officers

The Association shall annually elect a President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary and Executive Treasurer. (Amended December 4, 2008)

ARTICLE V Executive Committee

SECTION (1) The Executive Committee of this Association shall be composed of the President; the President-Elect; the Vice-President; the Secretary, the Executive Treasurer and the immediate Past President. The President shall serve as Chair of the Executive Committee. If, for any reason the President is ineligible to serve, then the President-Elect shall serve as Chair of the Executive Committee. (Amended July 26, 2000; December 4 2008; July 13, 2022)

SECTION (2) The affairs of this Association between Association meetings shall be administered by the Executive Committee. (Amended December 4, 2008)

SECTION (3) If not otherwise provided by the Bylaws, the Executive Committee shall fill vacancies occurring in all offices.

ARTICLE VI Annual Meetings

An annual meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Association may direct. Special meetings shall only be called by the President and upon request of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee. (Amended December 4, 2008)

ARTICLE VII Voting

SECTION (1) All members of this Association who are present at a duly scheduled session of any annual or special Association meeting shall be recognized as a quorum authorized to transact any business of this Association, but not more than one vote from a member State or Territory shall be counted on any questions voted upon. (Amended December 4, 2008)

SECTION (2) The names of one voting delegate and one alternate delegate from a State or Territory shall be registered with the Secretary by the respective head of the State or Territory Department of Agriculture, State or Territory Department of Health, or other State or Territory Agency. Thereafter, the voting delegate shall cast all votes for the state or territory from which the delegate is registered. Provided, however, in the absence of a voting delegate, an alternate delegate may cast votes for the state or territory from which the alternate delegate is registered. (Amended July 26, 2000; Amended August 15, 2005)

ARTICLE VIII Proxies

No proxies shall be permitted at any meeting of the Executive Committee or of this Association. (Amended December 4, 2008)

ARTICLE IX Bylaws

Appropriate Bylaws to effectuate and carry out the provisions of this Constitution may be adopted by a majority of the members present and voting at any annual meeting.

ARTICLE X Amendments

No amendment shall be considered unless such amendment has been presented for consideration to the membership thirty (30) days prior to a duly scheduled meeting. (Amended August 15, 2005)

ARTICLE XI Miscellaneous

No member, or person, or groups of members or persons, shall represent or speak for or represent oneself or themselves as having the right to speak for or having the endorsement of this Association unless consent thereto has first been given by a majority of the members of the Association present and voting at a duly scheduled session of an annual or special Association meeting, or by three-fourths of the members of the Executive Committee between Association meetings. (Amended December 4, 2008)

ARTICLE XII Principal Office

The principal office will be with the current Executive Treasurer. As of July 2022 that is:

Eunice Schlappi, Executive Treasurer
554 Davenport Road
Harrodsburg, KY 40330

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July 12, 2026

Members of NADRO,

Welcome to Williamsburg, Virginia, a state rich in American history, from colonial towns to preserved battlefields. It is exciting to be here in America's 250 year as a nation! I want to thank each and every one of you for traveling out here for the 67th annual National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials Annual Meeting.

Over the last year, the dairy regulatory sector has continued to experience a series of unprecedented events, with no indication of slowing down. We continue to address the challenges of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in dairy cattle, as well as the emergence of New World Screwworm (NWS). Despite these demanding circumstances, I am proud to work alongside each of you as regulatory partners in the dairy industry. Together, we can further strengthen our organizations and drive meaningful change for the future of the dairy sector.

Seven action items were identified at last year's annual meeting for the Board and me to address. One of these items was to request a meeting with FDA Director Janet McGinn and NADRO members to discuss ongoing issues and concerns regarding the planning process for FDA training courses. Due to the New World Screwworm situation in Texas, I was unable to attend this meeting; however, the NADRO Board members did an excellent job addressing your concerns. Key outcomes from the meeting included the FDA agreeing to provide the complete course information prior to the grant portal opening, publishing a bi-monthly training bulletin with course details and related communications, and utilizing dairy policy staff and milk specialists to deliver courses rather than OTED staff.

I represented the organization at the NASDA Annual Meeting in Rogers, Arkansas, in September. This meeting had minimal policy discussions on dairy beyond its role in the Make America Healthy Again Bill, but I was able to introduce myself to NASDA members and explain our affiliation with NASDA and our role in advising their organization on dairy issues. I was unable to attend the NASDA Winter Policy Meeting due to unforeseen budget challenges faced by NADRO when it was determined that the AFDO Milk & Shellfish grant would not support state regulatory funding for this year's conference.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the NADRO board for their unwavering support and dedication throughout the past year. E.B. Flory as Past President, Gene Stegman as President-Elect, Steve Beam as Vice President, and Heather Torino as Secretary. Finally, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to Eunice Schlappi, Executive Treasurer, whose commitment is truly the lifeblood of this organization. When NADRO was not supported by the AFDO Milk & Shellfish Grant, Eunice's workload significantly increased. She dedicated

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substantial effort to coordinating with the hotel on matters such as attrition, audiovisual needs, and catering. Eunice also secured industry support and took an innovative approach to purchasing equipment, such as microphones, for use at this and future conferences. Her commitment has enabled the NADRO Board to confidently begin planning the 68th NADRO Conference.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to our dairy industry partners for their generous financial support. Their responsiveness to our needs and recognition of NADRO's significance have contributed to a record-breaking year for sponsorships.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for the privilege of serving as President of this organization and representing our accomplished regulatory body at the national level. Serving as President of NADRO has truly been the highlight of my career.

Most Respectfully,

Sofia Stifflemire
NADRO President

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June 15, 2026

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture NASDA
4350 North Fairfax Drive #810
Arlington, VA 22203

Dear NASDA members and staff,

The National Association of dairy Regulatory Officials (NADRO) works in cooperation with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to:

1. Protect the health, welfare, and interests of consumers of all Grade "A" and non-Grade "A" dairy products;
2. Consider problems and effect programs designed to further the interests of dairy producers and the dairy industry;
3. Promote unity and efficiency in the application of regulatory measures in dairy fields;
4. Formulate recommendations relating to the general use or application of designations, definitions, standards of composition, marketing, standard methods of analysis, and requirements for marketing and labeling milk and dairy products;
5. Advice the National Association of State Department of Agriculture (NASDA) on dairy related issues.

NADRO held its 2025 annual meeting in Burlington, VT July 14-17, 2025, and hosted over 100 attendees. This attendance record is due in part to the Milk and Shellfish Cooperative Program training grants available to states through the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO). The agenda included updates from FDA, USDA, National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS), dairy industry associations, as well as state reports from those states in attendance. Also, time was devoted to committee meetings to discuss issues and topics in the dairy industry and develop action items. Seven action items emerged from committees and were voted on by the delegates. These items were:

1. Request the President of NADRO to submit a letter to NASDA to request USDA-APHIS to conduct a reevaluation of the National Milk Testing Strategy, take a state by state approach in demonstrating virus absence/elimination in that state with the ability to modify surveillance sampling within a state once Stage 4 has been achieved, and provide better guidance and communication on decreasing sampling frequency.

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2. Request the President of NADRO issue a letter to NASDA and FDA requesting support for the continuation of the AFDO Milk & Shellfish Grade "A" Grant Program which provides critical funds to states for grade "A" training and equipment.
3. Request the President of NADRO send a letter to FDA requesting a meeting with NADRO and dairy regulatory stakeholders to discuss ongoing issues and concerns regarding the process of planning FDA training courses.
4. Request the President of NADRO send a letter to FDA thanking Dr. Stephen Walker for his colostrum presentation and ask FDA to establish guidelines and criteria for on-farm production, evaluation, and regulation of colostrum that is intended for human consumption and provide clarity on when colostrum is designated as a milk product verses designated as a dietary supplement.
5. Request the NADRO Executive Board to allow the existing committee of at least five regulatory members and one industry member to continue assisting USDA with their work in reviewing USDA's manufacturing grade guidelines for potential updates and revisions.
6. Request the President of NADRO sent a letter to NASDA and FDA to request FDA Milk Specialists and Laboratory Proficiency and Evaluation Team attend seminars to assist State Rating Officers and Laboratory Evaluation Officers in meeting their requirements to maintain their certifications and guide states on uniform interpretation of NCIMS documents as it pertains to their specific programs.
7. Request the President of NADRO and the Chair of NCIMS send a letter requesting a resolution from FDA Milk Safety and LPET for a provision to either temporarily suspend vitamin testing, temporarily use a non-approved vitamin testing laboratory, or to expedite the approval process of vitamin testing for laboratories.

These letters were sent to the appropriate individuals and NADRO requests NASDA members support their dairy regulatory programs with these items of concern.

I would like to thank NASDA for your continued support of NADRO, and I look forward to the two organizations working together in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Sofia Stifflemire
NADRO President

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Minutes from 7/12/2026 NADRO conference business session:

- President Sofia Stifflemire called the meeting to order at 3:25 PM EDT.
- Heather Torino conducted the roll call. Quorum was established with the following attendees:

Present: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin

- Sofia Stifflemire presented the President's and NASDA reports.
- Sofia Stifflemire reported the committee assignments for the state delegates and the assigned Chair for each committee as follows:

Dairy Regulations – Audra Phillips (AL)

Animal Health – John Jennings (TX)

NCIMS – Jim Allyn (CT)

Manufacturing Grade – *Need a volunteer*

Resolutions – Brad Turpin (CO)

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dustin Cox (NM) and seconded by Brad Turpin (CO). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM EDT

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Torino
NADRO Secretary

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Minutes from 7/15/2026 NADRO conference Business Session:

- President Sofia Stifflemire called the meeting to order at 7:40 AM EDT
- Heather Torino conducted the roll call. Quorum was established with the following attendees:

Present: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

- Committee Reports

Audra Phillips (AL) presented the NADRO Dairy Regulations Committee report.

Discussion centered around concerns with FDA.

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Motion to accept (Alicia Love, MT; 2nd Sofia Stifflemire, TX). Motion carried.

Action Item #2: The NADRO Dairy Regulations Committee requests that the President of NADRO send a letter to FDA Deputy Commissioner Kyle Diamantas and copy FDA Divisions of Dairy Safety Director Janet McGinn stressing the cooperative nature of the Grade "A" Milk program and request FDA meet with the NADRO Board and the NCIMS Executive Board to review the criteria used in FDA's risk-based assessment for check ratings and share FDA's plans and objectives for the dairy regulatory program incoming fiscal year.

Motion to accept (Alicia Love, MT; 2nd Audra Phillips, AL). Motion carried.

John Jennings (TX) presented the NADRO Animal Health Committee report. Discussion centered around National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) foot and mouth disease testing.

Action Item #1: The NADRO Animal Health Committee requests the President of NADRO provide public comment on the National Milk Producers Federation Implementing Food

and Mouth Disease Testing of Bulk Tank Milk as an Outbreak Response Tool *Executive Summary* regarding the recommendation proposed defining an “Animal Health Surveillance Milk” (AHSM) sample in the PMO. The committee believes this definition for the purposed described would be out of scope of the PMO as a public health document.

Motion to accept (Barb Koeltzow, MI; 2nd John Jennings, TX). Motion carried.

Jim Allyn (CT) presented the NADRO NCIMS Committee report.

Discussion centered around lack of FDA attendance at dairy meetings and conferences and clarification on IMS listing requirements for certified and screening laboratories.

Action Item #1: The NADRO NCIMS Committee requests that the President of NADRO issue a letter to NASDA and the FDA Deputy Commissioner Kyle Diamantas with a copy to the FDA Acting Branch Chief Sean Montgomery, requesting the attendance of FDA Milk Specialists and FDA Laboratory Evaluation Officers at the upcoming 2027 NCIMS Conference in Saint Louis, Missouri. Participation by FDA staff serving on NCIMS Committees is essential to ensure their involvement in discussions related to the proposals under consideration.

Motion to accept (Pete Echelle, OK; 2nd Barb Koeltzow, MI). Motion carried.

Action Item #2: The NCIMS Committee requests that the President of NADRO send a letter to NCIMS Chair Brian Wise, asking that the NCIMS Laboratory Committee review the relevant conference documents and provide clarification to the states on the IMS listing requirements for certified and screening laboratories.

Motion to accept (Alicia Love, MT; 2nd Barb Koeltzow, MI). Motion carried.

The NADRO Manufacturing Grade Committee had no report.

Brad Turpin (CO) presented the Resolutions Committee report. The following resolutions were presented and voted upon by the State Delegates as a block:

Resolution One

Whereas, the 67th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials was hosted by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and

Whereas, the speakers provided informative reports and subject content for the meeting participants, and added substantially to the success of the annual conference, and the participants of the 67th Annual Meeting enjoyed the conference proceedings and activities;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the attendees and participants of the 67th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials thank the speakers for their efforts in making this an educational and successful conference.

The speakers were as follows:

- Chris Thompson – USDA
- Brian Wise – NCIMS
- Katie Frazier – Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry
- Christian Anderson – Alliance for the Bay

- Miquela Hanselman, NMPF
- Howard & Matt Smith, Oleta Coach Line and M.O. Smith & Sons Dairy Farm
- Sr. Maria Gonzalo-Garcia – Our Lady of the Angels Monastery
- Shep Stearns – Southeast Dairy Business Innovation Initiative
- Danielle Quist – IDFA
- Elizabeth Moretz – The Dairy Alliance
- Erik Schweitzer & Meri Beth Wojtaszek – 3-A
- Dr. Charlie Broaddus – Virginia State Veterinarian
- Heather Spraker - Cornell

Resolution Two

Whereas, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services hosted the 67th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials held at the Double Tree by Hilton in Williamsburg, Virginia, July 12th – 15th 2026; and

Whereas, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Hunter Moyer, Sean Hejja, Emily Emerson, Stefanie Lum, Jessica Goodman, Rose Mary Cornett, Dr. Charles Broaddus, Arden Davis, Doug Eye, West Fint, Jessica King, David McGreevy, Pam Miles, William Spott, Kathy Worley, Sonja Yankey, Michael Hodges, Gillian Aguirre, and Katie Bailey planned, organized, and presented a very successful and informative conference; and

Whereas, the participants of the 67th Annual Meeting enjoyed the conference proceedings and activities;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the attendees and participants of the 67th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials congratulate and thank the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and staff for their efforts in extending cordial and outstanding hospitality.

Resolution Three

Whereas, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services hosted the 67th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials at the Double Tree by Hilton in Williamsburg, Virginia, July 12th – 15th 2026; and

Whereas, Dairy Farmers Of America, 3-A, Visit Williamsburg, Maola, IDFA, Farm Bureau of Virginia, Dairy Practices Council, Virginia State Dairymen's Association, Prairie Farms, Cooperative Milk Producers Association, Appalachian Dairy Farmers Cooperative, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Everstead Farm Supply, Rowlands Innovative Fluid Solutions, Kroger, Birdie's Pimento Cheese, Fairlife, Moo Thru Ice Cream, Shahi Kulfi, Saputo, International Milk Haulers Association, Charm Sciences, and Quali Tru Sampling Systems have graciously provided financial support to the Association;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the attendees and participants of the 67th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials congratulate and thank Dairy Farmers Of America, 3-A, Visit Williamsburg, Maola, IDFA, Farm Bureau of Virginia, Dairy Practices Council, Virginia State Dairymen's Association, Prairie Farms, Cooperative Milk Producers Association, Appalachian Dairy Farmers Cooperative, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Everstead Farm Supply, Rowlands Innovative

Fluid Solutions, Kroger, Birdie's Pimento Cheese, Fairlife, Moo Thru Ice Cream, Shahi Kulfi, Saputo, International Milk Haulers Association, Charm Sciences, and Quali Tru Sampling Systems for their gracious support of this organization.

Resolution Four

Whereas, the 67th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials was held at the Double Tree by Hilton in Williamsburg, Virginia, July 12th – 15th 2026; and

Whereas, Eunice Schlappi has been diligent in dispatching her duties; and

Whereas, she has given time and talent to help organize and plan this conference; and

Whereas, she has sacrificed personal time to help facilitate and expedite these proceedings; and

Whereas, she has been tireless in her bookkeeping;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, the National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials warmly and sincerely recognize and thank Eunice Schlappi for her efforts which are above and beyond expectations.

Motion to accept all 4 resolutions (Steve Beam, CA; 2nd Alicia Love, MT). Motion carried

Casey McCue (NY) presented the NADRO Audit Report. Casey reported to the delegates that a review of NADRO financial statements found all items to be in order, and the accounting and books are in good standing.

Motion to accept the report (Brian Wise, OH; 2nd Jim Allyn, CT). Motion carried.

- Sofia Stifflemire reported there was no old business.
- Sofia Stifflemire reported one item of new business.

Proposed a change to the NADRO Constitution and Bylaws to add the sitting Chair of NCIMS as a non-voting member of the NADRO Board to enhance collaboration between NADRO and NCIMS. This discussion served as the formal 30-day notice to the NADRO delegates for the proposed change. An e-ballot will be distributed to the voting delegates.

- Sofia Stifflemire called on Brad Turpin to present the Nominations Committee report.

The Nominations Committee received one nomination and are pleased to put forward Paul Wadham, Tennessee, for the Southeast NADRO Board Representative.

The following NADRO Board membership was presented to the delegates:

President: Gene Stegeman, SD
President-elect: Steve Beam, CA
Vice President: Heather Torino, NY
Secretary: Paul Wadham, TN
Past-President: Sofia Stifflemire, TX

Motion to accept the new board (Brad Turpin, CO; 2nd Brian Wise, OH). Motion carried.

- Sofia Stifflemire announced host states for NADRO as Montana in 2027. The host state for 2028 remains to be determined (possibly SD or OH).
- Motion to adjourn the meeting (Alicia Love, MT; 2nd Sofia Stifflemire, TX). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM EDT

Respectively Submitted,

Heather Torino
NADRO Secretary

Final Action Items

Action Item #1: The NADRO Dairy Regulations Committee requests that the President of NADRO send a letter to FDA Deputy Commissioner Kyle Diamantas and copy FDA Divisions of Dairy Safety Director Janet McGinn expressing the need for more effective communication with the states regarding the application of the PMO requirements. While the requirements themselves provide the regulatory framework, differences in how they are assessed and applied by FDA can create uncertainty among regulatory agencies and industry stakeholders. NADRO remains concerned with the lack of FDA representation at meetings and conferences which is eroding the collaborative nature of the state and federal dairy regulatory program. The letters should request improved communication, greater consistency and uniformity in FDA's engagement with state dairy regulatory officials, and appropriate FDA representation at dairy regulatory meetings and conferences.

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STATE REPORTS



Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H.
STATE HEALTH OFFICER

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DAIRY REGULATORY OFFICIALS ALABAMA STATE REPORT

Audra Phillips, Director
Alabama Department of Public Health Milk Branch

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Our Milk Branch staff consists of me, three district milk specialists and one rating officer. All milk activities are regulated by our office and staff. Our milk specialists also conduct FDA contract inspections on facilities located within their milk districts.

Program Numbers

Grade A Dairies	13
Grade A IMS Plants	3
Single Service Plants	3
Grade A Instate Plants	3
Frozen Dessert Plants	9
Manufactured Grade Plants	3
Distribution Centers	12

The part of our program experiencing the most growth is on-farm producer processors. Our most recent producer processor, Miller Family Dairy, opened in June to celebrate National Dairy month. They received \$1.9 million dollars of grant money awarded by Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries' Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) Program. Blue Bell and Mayfield continue to grow and increase production. Our office issues certificates of free sale for Mayfield that enable shipment to overseas markets, predominantly to the Middle East. Frios Gourmet Pops, our largest popsicle processor, continues to distribute across the country and has extended their territory from coast to coast. This month we will add our first AMI installation to Working Cows Dairy, our only organic dairy. Raw milk is not legal for human consumption by law in Alabama, but we do have a booming pet food industry. Unfortunately, those farms greatly outnumber our permitted dairies.

We currently do not have any positive cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) H5 in our state and have reached Stage 4 of the USDA's National Milk Testing Strategy (NMTS). Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries continue to collect and test samples for HPAI monthly on every Grade A farm in the state. Alabama Department of Public Health has also partnered with Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries in implementing a task force to monitor foreign animal diseases such as New World Screw Worm.

2026 DAIRY FACTS

ALABAMA



Total amount
of milk produced
in 2025 equaled

2.99 million
gallons



Alabama has

12 dairy
farms

and a typical dairy farm
has a herd of about
167 milking cows.

The average
value of a day's
milk per cow
was about

\$10



Top Three milk-producing counties in Alabama

1. Houston

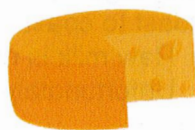
2. Randolph

3. Chambers

Alabama is home to about



2,000 dairy cows
producing an average of
4.9 gallons of
milk per day.



The most consumed dairy
product in Alabama is

cheese

followed closely by

ice cream



All facts are based on 2025 USDA, NASS, TDA, and Circana data. Compiled by UGA CAES Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. Milk production values are TDA estimates based on historical production data.

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National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials (NADRO)
2026 Annual Conference – Williamsburg, Virginia July 12-15, 2026

Program Overview & Industry Statistics

The Arizona dairy industry is characterized by high-volume operations, despite a continuing decline in total farm numbers. While two more existing dairy farms are closing within a couple of months, one new facility is currently under construction.

- Dairy Farms: 67 operating farms, with an impressive average herd size of approximately 3,100 head.
- Grade A Milk Plants: 17 facilities.
- Manufacturing Plants: 24 facilities.
- Single-Service Manufacturers: 15 facilities (including 5 integrated within milk plants).
- Raw Milk Producers: 4 facilities certified for raw-for-consumption milk.

Staffing & Personnel

Current staffing levels and upcoming retirement transitions include:

- Sanitarians: 4 active field sanitarians.
- Certified Rating Officers: 2 personnel (the Program Manager and Administrator).
- Laboratory Evaluation Officers (LEOs): 2 fully certified LEOs and 3 LEOs currently in training.

Note: Both fully certified LEOs are slated to retire within the next few months, making the training of incoming staff a priority.

Funding & Department Structure

The Arizona dairy program operates on 100% general fund appropriations.

The Arizona Department of Agriculture (AZDA) laboratory functions as its own distinct division within the department, utilizing independent funding also through the state general fund.

Following the last positive Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) detection in July 2025, surveillance protocols have been strategically scaled back to a bi-monthly rotation.

Testing is split evenly across the state; half of the dairy farms are sampled in month one, and the remaining half are sampled in month two.

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Arizona Department of Agriculture



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

CALIFORNIA REPORT

National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials Annual Meeting, Williamsburg, VA July 11–15, 2026

The Milk and Dairy Food Safety Branch of the California Department of Food and Agriculture is charged with ensuring that California's milk and milk products are safe, wholesome and properly labeled, and serves as the only program in the state with comprehensive regulatory authority and expertise in milk production, handling, processing, and distribution from farm to table. The Branch is responsible for both State Rating and State Regulatory activities.

Current Regulatory Inventory

	2025	2026
Total Milk Production (billion pounds)	40.0	41.1
Grade A Dairy Farms	1,020	1,018
Manufacturing Grade Dairy Farms	26	11
(41 Goat Farms; 9 Sheep Farms; 2 Water Buffalo)		
Milk Products Plants (IMS-listed)	64	64
Milk Products Plants (Not IMS-listed)	549	528
Pasteurizer Units Tested Quarterly	425	409
Soft-serve (Semi-frozen) Dessert Establishments	8,904	8,938
Limited Frozen Manufacturing Facilities	993	1,035
Bulk Milk Tanker Trucks	1,238	1,267
Bulk Milk Haulers and Samplers	1,963	1,923
Bulk Milk Tanker Wash Stations (Free-standing)	40	39
Industry Plant Samplers (PMO, Appendix N)	859	840
Single Service Container Manufacturing Plants	23	23
IMS-Listed Laboratories for microbiological testing	5	5
Approved Drug Residue (Appendix N) Screening Labs	94	89
Approved Drug Residue (Appendix N) Confirming Labs	17	17
Dairy Product Labels Approved	1,218	1,463
Non-dairy Products Resembling Milk Product Labels Approved	103	81
Non-dairy Products Resembling Milk Product Licensed Plants	68	66

- Branch Personnel: 68 total positions
 - Inspectors: 44 positions (7 vacant) (9 SROs / 2 LEOs / 5 d-LEOs)
 - Investigators: 4
 - Scientific support: 2 (1 vacant)
 - Administrative/Analytical: 10
 - Supervisors/Managers: 8 (2 vacant)
- Since February 27, 2026, there are no dairy farms under quarantine for HPAI.
- MDFS executed an agreement with USDA for HPAI statewide silo sampling surveillance.





Colorado Milk Program Update
NADRO Conference
Williamsburg, VA
July 2026

Inventory Numbers

- 104 dairy farms, 94 Grade A, 2,200 head/farm
- 95 Cow farms, 8 goat farms, one camel farm
- 5.3 billion lbs produced annually, 6.5 billion lbs processed
- 32 plants, 15 Grade A, 1 Aseptic, 12 IMS listed
- 59 pasteurizers, 35 HTSTs, 21 Vats, 3 HHSTs
- 235 Industry Plant Samplers, 230 Hauler/Samplers, 392 Tankers

Funded for 5.5 Dairy Inspectors & a Program Manager

Collect approx. \$450,000 in fees annually

Industry conducted 444 inspections for Haulers, Plant Samplers, and Tankers

Notable happenings

- New LEO Millie & LEO Program Manager Melissa
- Added Colorado Department of Agriculture Laboratory as an Official Milk Testing facility
 - Right now certified for raw camel milk antibiotics, but working towards full certification for both raw and pasteurized products
- Added two additional Laboratory Analysts, Kevin and Erin, to our state Central Lab as well as a new Program Manager, Kristen, and a Program Supervisor, Elma.
- With all this laboratory work in Colorado, we've called upon FDA for assistance to no avail. Instead they suspended the Lab Committee's Pilot Program. We are now having to call upon Texas to come and certify our new lab analysts at the central lab and certify our Department of Ag lab for Section 6 testing.
- Colorado State University completed a dairy pilot plant at the new National Western Stockshow Complex. Brad has joined a steering committee for its use and the development of dairy specific curriculum at the university. We currently have one licensed processor at the facility and looking to add a couple more this year.
- A raw milk bill to expand access (we are a herdshare state) was set to be introduced this legislative session; it was pulled when a raw farm was implicated in a child's death. This has caused several open records and media requests from my office.
- HPAI sampling – all Grade A farms sampled monthly. Last month was the first month with no npELISA positives, which was a first since our lab started performing that analysis. Not sure what that means: dwindling immunity, naïve animals, or something else?
- New faces from Colorado here: Dominika, Heather, and Melissa!
- Received approval to hire a sampling intern – individual will mainly be a dSSO and work on updating our raw milk program.

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2026 CT Department of Agriculture State Report

Commissioner - Bryan P. Hurlburt

Director – Alex Duffy

Assistant Director – Jim Allyn (SRO)

4 Dairy Inspectors (1 Farm SRO)

The dairy staff regulates, inspects, and samples the following permitted individuals or businesses:

70 IMS Milk Producers (9AMI's)	4 Goat/ 1 Sheep Producers
9 IMS BTU's	74 Bulk Milk Tankers
8 IMS Dairy Plants	5 Raw Milk Cheese Manufacturers
1 Single Service Manufacturer	12 Retail Raw Dairy Farms
1 Aseptic Plant	21 Cheese Manufacturers
12 Milk Laboratories (5 Cert)	12 Non-IMS Dairy Plants
118 Milk Examiners	2500+ Retail Dairy Stores

4 Livestock Inspectors

Dairy related duties: The livestock inspectors have assisted with HPAI bulk tank sampling and PPE distribution. They conduct TB and Brucellosis testing. They sample for our mastitis testing program, working closely with the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at UConn.

2025-2026 Activities

HPAI program:

Started USDA program with mandatory monthly silo testing in February 2025.

State program with mandatory quarterly bulk tank testing.

Transitioning to digital online inspections (State system)

THE VALUE OF CONNECTICUT DAIRY



The dairy industry significantly boosts Connecticut's economy, with **70+ dairy farms** and **19,000 dairy cows**, producing over **45 million gallons** of milk each year. Connecticut dairy farmers are committed to feeding their communities and prioritizing sustainability through innovative practices and partnerships.

Connect with their Communities

Connecticut dairy farmers play a vital role in their communities, not only by providing fresh, local milk but also by giving back in countless ways. Many farmers support local schools through farm tours and educational programs, helping children learn where their food comes from. Farmers often donate milk and dairy products to food banks, ensuring families in need have access to nutritious options. They also lead 4-H clubs, participate in fairs, and welcome community members to their farms for events.

CT DAIRY BY THE NUMBERS

\$2.6B
economic impact

12.5K
jobs provided

97%
of farms are family-owned and operated



Children's Camps

Farmers Jon and Erica Hermonot of Fairholm Farm host an on-farm camp each summer, allowing children to explore and learn more about agriculture. Children learn about dairy cows, sustainability, and the cooperative teamwork it takes to operate a modern-day farm.



Farm Tours

Oakridge Dairy opens its doors to visitors throughout the year, offering guided tours to give visitors an inside look at their farm, including their rotary milking parlor. Farmer Seth Bahler is committed to giving back to his community, hosting open farm days, movie nights, and sponsoring their local Little League team.



Farm Experiences

Guardians Farm is a veteran owned dairy farm. Farmers David Buck and Tamra French are committed to educating the public about dairy, hosting school field trips and visitors to their farm for creative events.



A Commitment to Sustainability

Connecticut dairy farmers are strong stewards of the land, air, and water, and prioritize environmental sustainability using a range of innovative practices to transform byproducts and waste into valuable resources. The dairy industry is working to meet aggressive sustainability goals, including the Net Zero Initiative, which will reduce dairy's environmental impacts, including achieving greenhouse gas neutrality and improving water use. Connecticut dairy farmers are doing their part through conservation practices like cover cropping and no-till planting to help build healthy soils and keep our waterways clean.



Anaerobic Digestion

Farmer Kies Orr Lavack at Fort Hill Farms uses an anaerobic digester, which captures methane from cow manure to break down organic material like food waste into electricity and soil products. The farm recycles 15,000 gallons of food waste per day along with cow manure to generate 3.5 million kW hours of electricity each year. The digester powers the farm and contributes electricity to neighbors.



Renewable Energy Technologies

Connecticut dairy farms use renewable energy to reduce their environmental impact. Farmers at Mapleleaf Farm use solar panels, which generate 40 percent of the electricity needed to operate the farm.



Innovative Manure Management

Freund's Farm has been at the forefront of innovative manure management for over two decades. They utilize composted cow manure from Canaan View Dairy to produce nursery pots, which are biodegradable planting pots for gardens. This sustainable product has earned national recognition, including features on TV shows like "Dirty Jobs" and "Shark Tank".

Feeding Our Families: Dairy Health & Nutrition

Connecticut dairy farmers are committed to feeding their communities by producing fresh, nutritious milk that ends up in local grocery stores and school cafeterias. Milk travels from the farm to your fridge in 48 hours. Milk is a powerhouse food, delivering 13 essential vitamins and nutrients, including calcium, protein, vitamin D, vitamin B12, and potassium, which are vital for strong bones, muscle function, and energy. Dairy farmers take pride in knowing their milk directly nourishes families and helps students stay fueled for the day ahead. Their dedication to quality and safety means every glass of milk is carefully produced, tested, and delivered with care.



Learn More: Connecticut's dairy farmers continue to pioneer innovative practices that protect the environment, while caring for and feeding their communities. Visit CTDairy.org to learn more and meet Connecticut's farm families.





DAIRY FARM INFO

- Currently have 69 active Grade A dairies in Georgia
- ~30% of farms milk more than 1500 cows
- Also have 7 Goat Dairies and 1 sheep dairy
- There are 2 AMI Robotic Dairies

DAIRY PLANT INDUSTRY INFO

- There are 10 Grade A plants in Georgia, including Publix, Kroger, and Walmart
- 19 Single Service Plants
- 26 Substations
- There are 76 Dairy Manufacturing Plants, including:
 - 50 Ice Cream /Gelato Plants
 - 22 Cheese Plants
 - 4 Butter Facilities

BULK MILK HAULERS/TANKERS INFO

- 130 Bulk Milk Haulers and Plant Samplers
- 296 Milk Tankers
- 63 Direct Load certified personnel
- 1 Hauling companies under CITI
- 5 Wash Stations

STAFFING CHANGES

- Hiring Freeze

INDUSTRY CHANGES

- Walmart Dairy Plant in Valdosta, Ga. opened
- Grade A Plant is being built in NE Ga.
- Double 40 parallel parlor farm in South Ga opened earlier this year
- 2nd 120 rotary parlor is currently being built in SW Ga.



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Idaho has continued to experience significant growth in dairy processing over the past year. Two large processing facilities have substantially expanded their processing and storage capacity, while several other processors have added new equipment and expanded their product lines to increase production capabilities.

Since last year, Idaho has also added one new ice cream/powder blending facility and one new single-service facility.

Our Dairy Bureau staffing has remained relatively stable, with the addition of one new farm SRO.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) continues to be an ongoing challenge, with a recent increase affecting 83 dairy farms. Our state laboratory received its NAHLN accredited in order to process HPAI samples in state. Idaho continues to conduct weekly farm-level bulk tank surveillance by rotating through three sampling groups. If a farm receives a positive test result, all animal movement is quarantined except for shipments directly to slaughter.

Idaho Dairy Statistics:

Milk and dairy products remain Idaho's top agricultural commodity, contributing more than **\$3.9 billion** annually to the state's economy and generating over **\$11 billion** in total economic output. Idaho is home to approximately **721,000** milking dairy cows.

Staff:

Dairy Bureau Section Chief

1 Processing plant program manager

1 Dairy farm program manager

5 SROs – 1 full, 2 plant, 2 farm

12 dSSOs

1 LEO, 1dLEO

5 plant inspectors

11 farm inspectors

3 USDA plant Insp.

2 office support staff

(2 main office – 1 lab)



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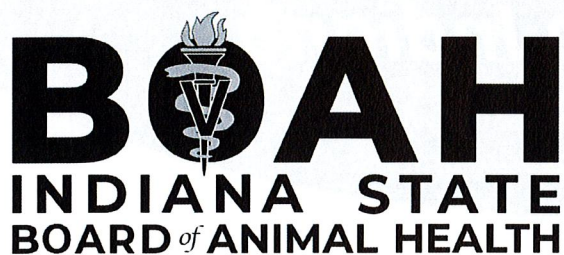
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Plants

Grade A IMS listed plants – 17
Grade A non-listed plants – 2
USDA approved plants – 13
Manufacture grade plants – 30
Wash bays/transfer facilities– 8
Single service plants – 4
HTST/UHT tested quarterly – 86
Plants samplers evaluated - 136

Farms

Grade A dairy cow farms - 346
BTUs - 37
Goat farms - 2
Bulk Haulers Evaluated - 631
Bulk Tankers Inspected - 393
Hauling companies - 35



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Indiana Dairy Producers

Grade A Farms 662

Currently 192 AMIs in the state

- 140 Lely, 42 Delaval, 7 Galaxy, 1 Merlin, 2 BouMatic
- Current AMIs are distributed across 37 farms
- 1 pending farm with 16 Delaval AMIs

Grade B Farms 13

***Indiana Ranks 15th nationally in total milk production**

Indiana Dairy Processing Facilities

Grade A 23

- Processors: 23 (10 of which are not IMS listed processors)
- Aseptic 2

Receiving/Transfer stations 2

Standalone Truck Wash 4

Manufactured Grade 29

Distribution Facilities 7

Single Service 16

Truck Permits 535

Bulk Hauler Permits 511

Total Staff of 17 employees

Management/Supervisory 4

SRO 2

LEO 2

Administrative 2

Field Staff 7 (2 are shared resources with Animal Health)

- 6/7 field staff with <5 years experience
- 3/7 field staff with <1 year experience
- 7 new hires in <2 years

Indiana's future in dairy

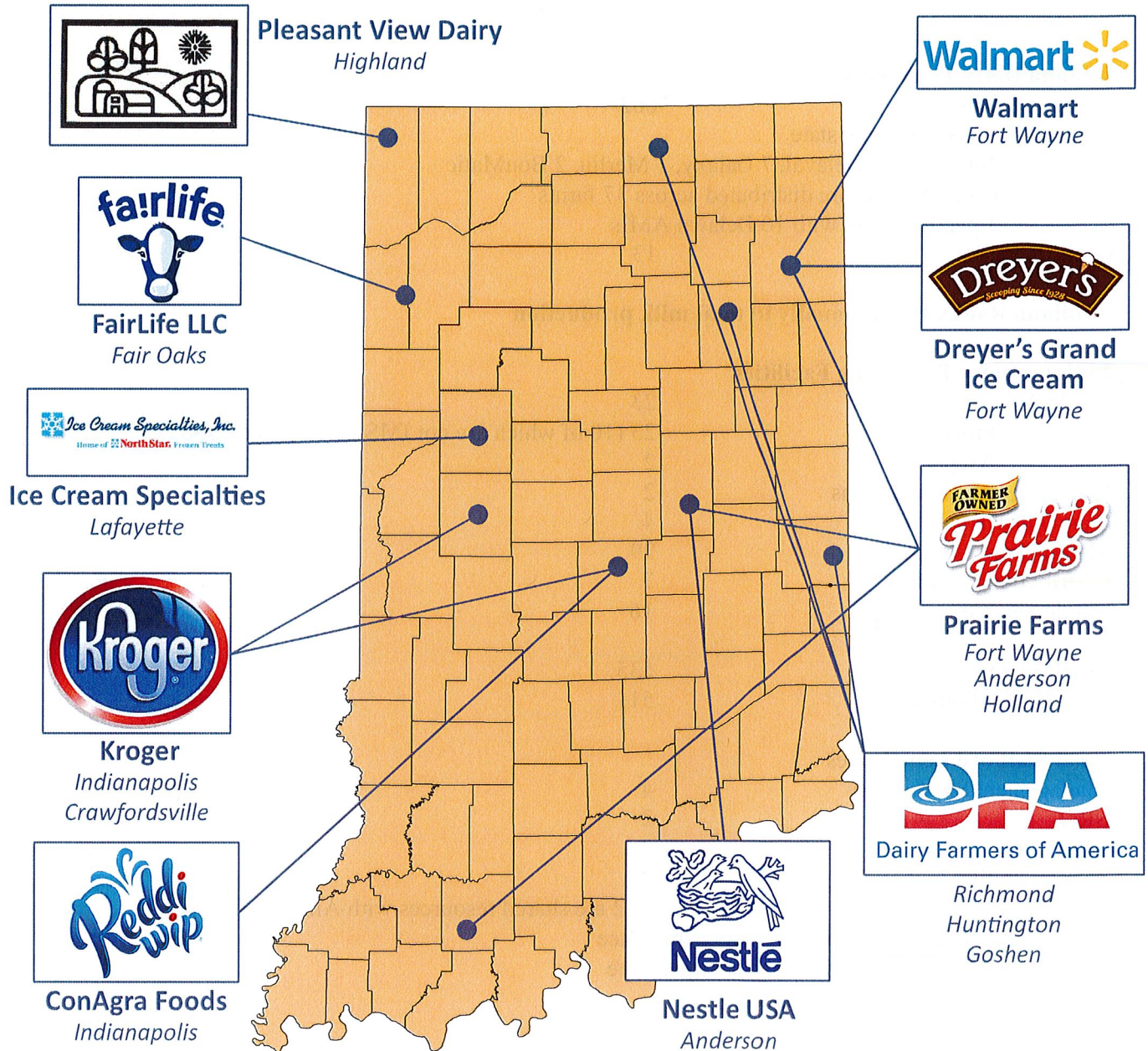
- Construction underway for several 120 cow carousel parlors (~7500 head each)

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Dairy: Made in Indiana

Indiana is home to dairy processors who produce some of America's favorite brands!



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Split program with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Animal Health Director, State Veterinarian, Asst. State Veterinarian

MDAR regulates farms, raw milk, bulk milk hauler-samplers & tankers and conducts IMS farm ratings

Dairy Program Coordinator/SRO/SSO, (3) dSSO's

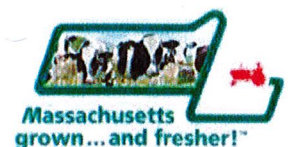
(4) additional dairy inspector/animal health inspectors

(2) designated milk samplers only

Additional animal health, poultry inspectors and office staff

Animal health regulatory assignments, animal ADT and poultry testing

- 98 total dairy farms, 91 dairy cow producers
- 7 non-IMS goat producers
- 61 IMS farms, (2) multi farm BTU's and (3) single BTU's
- 30 non-IMS dairy farms (producer/dealers), including 21 raw milk producers
- 11 producers have fluid milk bottling plants on the farm property
- Several ice cream plants, cheesemakers and home milk delivery
- 31 AMS/VMS/robots (Lely, Delaval & Galaxy) on (13) farms
- Dairy farm with robot at a high school
- Dairy farm with 2 robots that are part of a state park
- 3 major dairy plants, several small plants
- Raw milk & cheese producer on the island of Marthas Vineyard
- 3 major livestock auctions
- Agritourism, livestock, cranberries, asparagus, apiary, aquaculture
- Greenhouses, fruits, maple, Christmas trees

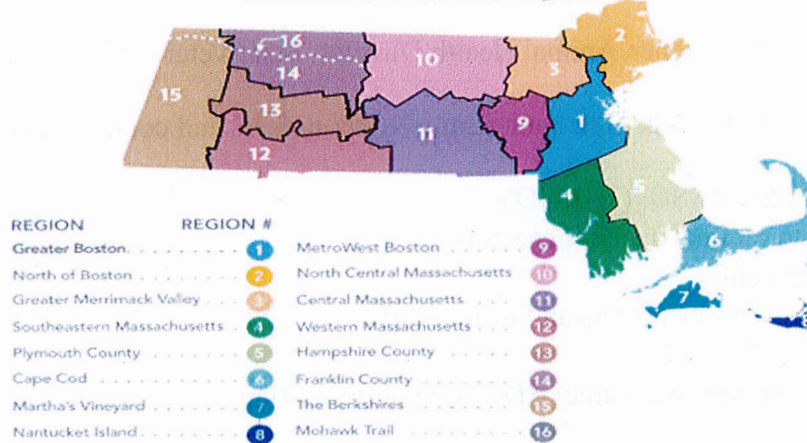




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HERE'S THE Scoop

Four Seas Ice Cream in Centerville is Massachusetts' oldest, continuously operating retail ice cream shop and opened in 1934.

HERE'S THE Scoop

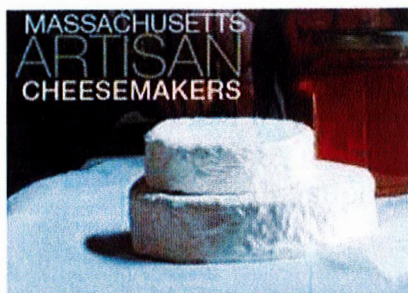
Friendly's Ice Cream was founded in 1935 by the Blake Brothers in Springfield, MA and still operates 26 stores in Massachusetts.

HERE'S THE Scoop

Dairy farming has been a part of Massachusetts agriculture ever since settlers brought cows to Plymouth in 1624.

HERE'S THE Scoop

Howard Johnson opened his first ice cream parlor in 1925, in Quincy, MA with 28 flavors made with buttercream for a richer taste.





GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

DR. TIM BORING
DIRECTOR

State of Michigan Report
National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials Annual Conference
July 12-15, 2026 Williamsburg, VA

Overview of Michigan's Dairy Industry

- Michigan remains the 6th largest milk producing state in the nation with 12.56 billion pounds of milk produced annually, totaling 5.5% of the nation's milk supply.
- 467,000 milk cows call Michigan home, which is an increase of 4.3% over the previous year. This is an average of 590 cows / dairy farm.
- Michigan ranks first in the nation for pounds of milk produced/cow annually at 27,645 pounds.
- Michigan currently has the following actively licensed/permitted entities:
 - 769 Grade A Dairy Farms
 - 23 Manufacturing Grade Dairy Farms
 - 36 Grade A Dairy Plants (25 are IMS listed)
 - 69 Manufacturing Grade Dairy Plants
 - 10 Single Service Facilities
 - 756 Hauler / Samplers
 - 972 Bulk Milk Tankers
 - 18 Wash Stations
 - 15 Certified Industry Field Representatives
- Michigan is home to the only roller dryer powder milk plant in the nation; it supplies whole milk powder for high end chocolatiers. Michigan also has the only fermented high acid plant in the nation which supplies yogurt for babies
- Major expansions have taken place at a fluid milk plant and an ice cream plant and a third dairy plant was recently purchased , renovated, and started producing cottage cheese.
- A family-owned independent specialty products dairy plant celebrated its 100th anniversary this year.
- Raw milk sales are illegal, but enforcement discretion is used as a result of the Fresh Unprocessed Whole Milk Policy. Processing raw milk is illegal without a license. Raw milk for animal feed is required to be pasteurized or have an equivalent kill step.

Overview of The Dairy Section

- Michigan has been contracting with two out of state regulatory agencies for limited assistance with state ratings and with a private vendor for limited assistance with pasteurizer testing.
- The Dairy Online Regulatory Inspection System (DORIS) is fully implemented; this is the first web-based all-encompassing inspection system the Dairy Program has ever had. This system

shares data with our Central Licensing Unit and the Food Integrated Regulatory System Technology (FIRST).

- The Animal Industry Division has placed movement restrictions on all dairy cattle coming into Michigan due to New World Screw Worm and Michigan's dairy industry sending young stock to the Texas panhandle to be raised and then brought back to Michigan when they freshen.
- The number of dairy farms with TB positive cows has increased during the past year with positive herds identified outside of the TB Modified Accredited Zone. Michigan is the only place in the world where Bovine TB is endemic in the wild deer population and Michigan's dairy cows are getting TB from the deer.
- FDA risk-based approach to federal check ratings:
 - 2 FDA milk specialists conducting these catch-up ratings
 - 46 dairy farm BTUs
 - 9 dairy plants
 - 1 delisting due to a single farm BTU scoring a 73
 - Multiple re-ratings required within 60 days
 - HPAI Sampling includes monthly collection of raw milk samples from silos at Grade A dairy plants with the dairy farm BTUs for the milk collected recorded. So far 150+ raw milk samples have been collected and submitted for analysis with no positive results.
- Amy Heintzelman served as Dairy Program Manager for the past year while the DORIS Project build was completed and fully implemented. Several staff have worked out of class in various leadership positions due to the staff not meeting years of service eligibility requirements. More than 50% of field staff have less than 3 years of experience as dairy regulatory inspectors. Dairy Section Leadership positions changed effective April 1, 2026 with the Dairy Program Manager duties divided between specialist and field inspector areas.
 - Dairy Specialist Program Manager, Barb Koeltzow
 - Milk Sanitation Rating Officers: Amy Heintzelman, Brian Cogar, Rick Sokol
 - Milk Laboratory Evaluation Officers: Shawn Lee, Tajalli Hodge
 - Pasteurizer Specialists: John Rice, Joshua MacWilliams (working out of class)
 - Dairy Foods Regulatory Program Standards Specialist, Joe MacPhee
 - Dairy Field Program Manager, Carl Kohlhoff
 - Dairy East Regional Supervisor, Erin Quaine Altman
 - Paul McVeigh, Mike Booth, Carley Stine, Cole Richards, Nate Lippert, Dustin Hooks, Autumn Martin, Jeremiah Kosto
 - Dairy West Regional Supervisor, Nick Babcock (working out of class)
 - Cora Dick, Lyndsay Earl, Alysse Kozloski, Matt Hatch, Paige Gill, Suzanna Hull, Brian Rett, Jessica Broadhurst
 - Dairy Resource Specialist, Brandon Verhougstraete

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2026 NADRO Conference: Montana Update

Staffing Changes and Challenges

Our little program has experienced some growth and changes! Job Greenall is now the milk program lead. We also hired Fred Woelkers and Jordan Machado for our program. We are currently recruiting for a position if anyone wants to move to Big Sky country!

We have one bureau chief, one administrative assistant, three sanitarians and one LEO to manage the program. With over 93.27 million acres, our program faces a lot of windshield time to serve a relatively small industry (39th in the nation). Regardless, this industry is important to the state's economy, and we serve it proudly. Montana has about 3 cows for every 1 person!

Lab Update

Montana's Animal Health Lab is being moved to a new facility! This update is long overdue and we are hoping that this new building will help us better protect public health.

12 Day Rule

Montana has an unusual rule that states that grade A milk cannot be sold when 12 days or more have passed following pasteurization. There are a few exceptions, but largely, this requirement means Montanans enjoy longer shelf lives on milk they purchase. This is beneficial to rural community residents that may only go grocery shopping once or twice per month. This law was passed in 1980.

Raw Milk

The sale of raw milk became legal in Montana in 2021. raw milk can be sold by small dairies as a homemade food. A producer must inform the consumer that the product has not been licensed, permitted, certified, packaged, labeled, or inspected per any official regulations. It cannot be sold in retail food settings.

Unique Organization

Montana's dairy program is unusual in that it is housed under a Department of Livestock. The Department of Livestock is the only Montana agency that retained an old-style governance method after state government was restructured in the early 1970s. That governance method puts the department under the auspices of the Board of Livestock, which is appointed by the Governor. Each Board Member serves a term of six years and serves as a representative of different livestock industries.

Industry Trends

Montana continues to see a decline in the number of dairies in the state. We have seen increased prospects in manufactured goods, including cheeses and ice creams.

Warmly from the Big Sky State,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alicia Love".

Alicia Love
Meat, Milk, and Egg Inspection Bureau Chief

STATE OF MONTANA

GREG GIANFORTE, GOVERNOR

Montana Dairy Program Statistics

Grade A Dairy Farms	33
Manufacturing Dairy Farms	0
Sheep Dairies	2
Goat Dairies	1
Vertically Integrated Plants	7
Cheese Plants	10
Fluid Milk Plants	7
Single Service Plants	2
BTU's	2
Licensed Bulk Haulers	31
Licensed Milk Trucks	62
Receiving Stations	0
Transfer Stations	0
Dairy Cattle	8,500

NEVADA REPORT
National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials
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The Nevada dairy industry experienced modest growth this year with the addition of four new Grade B manufacturing facilities. While the number of Grade A dairy farms decreased by two, overall milk production capacity remained stable as four farms consolidated into two, maintaining the total number of animals milked.

The Nevada Dairy Program continues monthly on-farm bulk tank testing for HPAI. Milk samples are being tested for both antigen and antibodies. In the northern part of the state, cows tested positive for the D1.1 strain. Those farms cleared the virus within a few weeks, and antibody levels returned to negative shortly after antigen tests became negative. In contrast, southern farms tested positive for the H1N5 strain. These farms remained antigen-positive for several months and are still testing positive for antibodies.

The Nevada Dairy Program continues to be fully funded through assessments on finished dairy products. These assessments range from 1 cent per pound on yogurt and ice cream sold within the state to 0.0004 cents per pound on fluid milk.

The Program has received authorization to procure a new inspection and licensing software system and is currently in the contract negotiation phase with the selected vendor.

The Nevada Dairy Program remains fully staffed, consisting of a Program Manager, one State Rating Officer, three Environmental Health Specialists, one Microbiologist, four Auditors, and one support staff member.

Grade A Dairy Farms: 19 cow and 3 goat dairies
Grade A Dairy Plants: 4
Manufacturing Plants: 19
Distributors: 236
Sampler/Haulers: 64
Single Service Manufacturers: 6
IMS Accredited Laboratories: 4



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NEW MEXICO STATE REPORT

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The New Mexico Department of Agriculture is a unique state department. It was created by the state constitution to be subordinate to the state land-grant university. The Director/Secretary answers to both the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University and serves as a member of the Governor's cabinet.

The Agricultural Production Services Division, which houses the Dairy Bureau, is the division that oversees the food and feed regulatory programs within the department. These programs include Dairy; Feed, Seed and Fertilizer; Produce Safety; and Bio-Security.

The dairy industry in the State of New Mexico is the number one agricultural industry in the state. It represents \$2.8 billion in total dairy economic impact to the state. New Mexico has 81 dairy farms and 9 processing plants. The plants are broken up as follows:

- One interstate Cottage Cheese Plant
- Two retail raw fluid plants
- One UF bulk plant
- One drying plant
- Four interstate cheese plants

The cheese plants are very large in our state with the smallest averaging 1,200,000 lbs. and the largest averaging nearly 18,000,000 lbs. intake per day.

Farm numbers in New Mexico, like most states, are declining, from 180 at our peak in 2009 to 81 today. Cow numbers have also declined to approximately 237,000 over the last few years.

This bureau has seen a dramatic uptick in Retail Raw inquiries over the last year, but still currently only have two that are permitted.

Staff:

- Division Director – Manages the four bureaus and serves as an SRO and SSO
- Three Inspectors – One is an SSO and working on SRO
- LEO and laboratory staff are provided and funded by the State Department of Health



National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials
ANNUAL MEETING
JULY 12 – 15, 2026
Williamsburg, VA

Overview of New York State's Dairy Industry

New York State is a major agricultural state with significant positions in field crops, vegetables, livestock, and fruit. The dairy industry is New York's leading agricultural sector. In 2025:

- New York held steady as the **fifth** largest milk producing state in the country, accounting for over **7.2%** of total U.S. milk production.
- New York's milk production increased **2.84%**.
- Approximately **2,750** New York dairy farms produced over **16.6 billion pounds** of milk with a gross producer income of **\$3.6 billion**.
- About **23.7%** of the milk used at New York plants is sold as packaged fluid milk and cream products, with the remaining **76.3%** used in manufacturing.
- The average dairy farm in New York State had **233 cows** producing **six million pounds** of milk per year.
- New York's dairy farms had a total of **642,000** milking cows in production, a **1.9%** increase from 2024.
- The average annual production per cow was **25,807 pounds** of milk, a **1%** increase from 2024.
- New York dairy ranked first in the nation in cream cheese, all forms of cottage cheese, yogurt, and sour cream; third in Italian cheese; and fifth in total cheese production.

Economic Impact

Dairy contributes significantly to New York's economy by providing substantial employment. According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, New York's annual average total dairy employment for 2025 was 22,869; this is an increase of 1.33% from 2024. Total annual wages were \$1.64 billion, an increase of 6.1% from 2024. The 2025 numbers are preliminary.

Dairy Wastewater Joint Agency Initiative

The New York Departments of Agriculture and Markets and Environmental Conservation have come together to form a Dairy Processing Wastewater Workgroup. This workgroup will help New York's dairy processors achieve long term sustainability by developing uniform wastewater treatment design guidance for the industry, including expectations for flow equalization, nutrient management, solids handling, and treatment performance; exploring new funding opportunities; and investigating potential water reuse possibilities. The work group will also inform best practices for the operation, maintenance, and inspection of the wastewater treatment to ensure consistent performance and prevent system failures, and more.



Department of Agriculture and Markets

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Division Staffing

Director – Casey McCue

Assistant Director – Heather Torino

Eight Administrative Support Staff

Program Manager (Milk Control) – Chris Hylkema

Program Manager (Dairy Services) – Christin Gravelle

11 Dairy Products Specialists IIs

- Seven Regional Supervisors
- One IMS/FSMA Supervisor
- One Equipment Specialist
- One Compliance & Enforcement Supervisor
- One Training Coordinator

- Program Research Specialist II
- Program Research Specialist I
- Senior Economist
- Auditor 2
- Auditor 2 WNYMMA
- Auditor 1 WNYMMA

34 Regional Dairy Products Specialist Is

One Compliance & Enforcement Dairy Products Specialist I

2025 Permit/License Statistics

- 308 permits to process
 - 60 grade “A” processing facilities
 - 134 manufacturing plants
 - 96 wholesale frozen dessert manufacturers
 - 73 fluid plants
 - 59 raw milk sales permits
 - 32 goat/sheep processors
 - 3 transfer stations

- 107 grade “A” BTUs
- 18 Grade “A” SSCC manufacturers
- 91 dairy testing laboratories
- 91 certified milk inspectors
- 35 non-grade “A” farms

2025 Inspection Statistics

- Over 7,500 on-site inspections, including:
 - 1,342 plant sanitation inspections
 - 1,850 pasteurizer inspections
 - 1,221 milk receiver inspections
 - 549 bulk vehicle inspections
 - 136 IMS ratings (41 plant, 76 BTU, 15 SSCC)
 - 244 laboratory evaluations (169 IMS, 113 state)

- Nearly 15,500 samples collected, including:
 - 12,220 for bacterial analysis
 - 2,646 for chem analysis
 - 346 for pathogen analysis
 - 267 for vitamin analysis

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ND Dairy Industry Overview:

- 17 Grade A dairy farms
- 4 processing plants
- 42 hauler/samplers
- ~7200 milking cows
- 11 listed BTUs
- 1 PMO listed plant

North Dakota had 4 more farms quit since the last NADRO meeting, which is nearly 20% reduction in total number of farm. On a positive note, a large regional dairy company has finished with the permitting processes, and construction of two very large farms are underway. The first farm will open summer of 2027, milking 12,500 cows. They have started construction of an on-site apartment complex for the employees for the next farm that is scheduled to start milking 25,000 cows in the fall of 2028. North Dakota is set to see a 600% increase in dairy cattle in the next 2 years.

Small plant update: The ice cream plant in Bottineau has picked up several contracts and is now co-packing for a high-end grocery store chain and a mid-sized national brand. They even ship ice cream to Abu Dhabi. Their product offerings and total volume have grown tremendously in the last year. We are also expecting another very small ice cream plant to open early next spring.

Staffing: We are very small team. Everyone on the team primarily works for other NDDA programs, but we maintain a highly competent and effective dairy inspection program, with two inspectors, one administrative assistant and me, as the SRO and SSO.

Fun Dairy Fact about ND: The world's largest dairy cow, Salem Sue, sits atop a hill in New Salem, ND. She is 38' tall, 50' long, and weighs 12,000 pounds.

Nathan Kroh
Meat and Dairy Coordinator
North Dakota Department of Agriculture



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Ohio Department of Agriculture – Dairy Division

Dairy Division Staff:

- 16 total staff
 - 5 Farm Sanitarians, 5 Plant Sanitarians, 2 Supervisors, 2 SRO's, 1 Admin, 1 Program Manager
 - 2 LEO's that are not under the Dairy Division (laboratory staff)
 - 1 dLEO

Ohio Dairy Statistics (as of July 8, 2026):

- 1,282 Farms (1,178 Grade "A", 104 Manufacture Grade, 27 Goat/Sheep)
 - 84 Farms with Automatic Milking Installations/291 Units Installed
- 179 Processors (33 IMS Listed, 17 Transfer, Receiving and Wash Stations)
- 41 standalone Single-Service Locations
- 6.8 billion pounds of dairy products received/processed by Ohio processors in 2025

Milk Haulers/Bulk Milk Samplers (as of July 8, 2026):

- 105 Licensed Milk Haulers
 - 785 permitted vessels for hauling milk
- 1,168 Licensed Bulk Milk Samplers

Dairy Division Statistics (for calendar year 2025):

- 4,109 farm inspections
- 919 processor inspections
- 602 equipment tests
- 505 tanker truck inspections
- 951 bulk milk sampler inspections
- 80 IMS BTU ratings
- 19 IMS plant ratings
- 48 Standalone Single Service ratings

HPAI Activities:

- Silo Sampling – 704 samples in 2025 / 376 in 2026

Accomplishments in 2025/2026:

- IT automation projects and paperless movement (form.io)

Issues:

- Raw Milk/Pet Milk

OHIO DAIRY FACTS

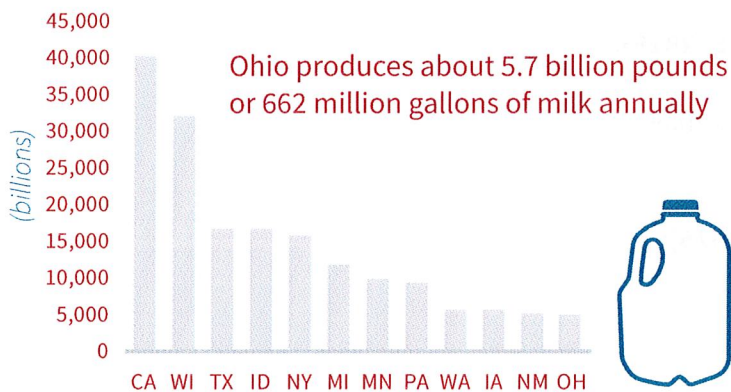
OHIO IS HOME TO ABOUT 1,300 DAIRY FARMS

The average herd size is about 185 cows per farm



There are about 24,800 dairy farms in the United States

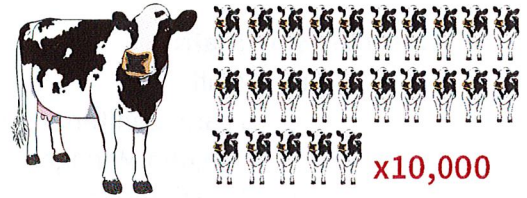
OHIO RANKS 12TH IN MILK PRODUCTION



OHIO RANKS NATIONALLY

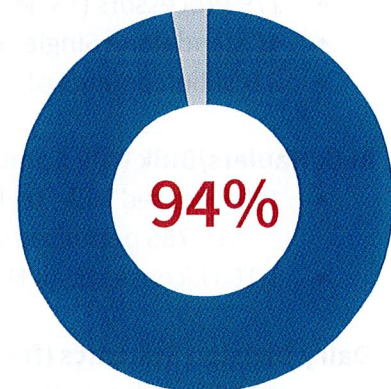
- 1st** in Swiss cheese production
- 3rd** in hard ice cream production
- 5th** in total number of dairy manufacturing plants
- 9th** in all cheese production
- 11th** in number of dairy cows
- 12th** in milk production

There are about 253,000 dairy cows in Ohio



There are 9.5 million dairy cows nationwide

94% of dairy farms nationwide are family-owned



Many farms have been in the family for multiple generations

Ohio dairy industry economic impact

The total economic impact of dairy products produced and sold in Ohio is **\$33.64 billion**, which generates **129,600 jobs** for Ohioans.

Nationally, the dairy industry creates more than 3.05 million U.S. jobs and has an overall economic impact of \$779.45 billion.





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Oklahoma Dairy Program Report

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Production Statistics:

- IMS Listed Dairy Farms: 50
- One goat farm, the rest are cattle
- Total Plants: 9
- One Ice Cream, One Yogurt, One Bottle Production
- LEO labs: 4, all Appendix N Screening
- State Central Lab is the only certified lab
- Haulers: 31

Sampling Statistics:

- Dairy inspectors: 3 full time, 1 contracted: Gary Lewis- 50+ years, Pete Echelle-39 years, Scott Fisher-14 years, Quint Lockwood-2 years
- 2 SROs, 1SRO(F), and 1 SSO
- 3 Lab Analysts, 1 dLEO waiting for FDA certification: Bryan Fritz-8 years, Ebby Eubanks-3 years, Braylee Wickham-3 months
- Annual Testing: 2,011 total dairy-related tests from June 2025 to May 2026
- Our lab tests meat and environmental waters in addition to the milk program.
- We test for fat content in retail milk, a test not required by the FDA.

Production Facts:

- We have one of the largest dairy operations in the world, that milks 1 million glasses of milk an hour.
- Our two other major plants make 5.8 million gallons a month and 800,000 pounds of sour cream and dips.
- All dairy farms produce 143.7 million gallons annually.
- Milk is the official state beverage, adopted in 2002.
- Dairy is the 7th largest agricultural business in Oklahoma.

General state and industry updates:

We are continuing to test each farm for HPAI and have not seen a case in our state since the outbreak began. We are preparing to possibly test for New World Screwworm and are working with our state vet to get supplies ready.

Our farm numbers have consistently decreased. 7 years ago, we had about 110 farms. 4 years ago, we had around 70 farms. And now we have 50. We haven't had very many inquiries about establishing a new farm. So the total farms will most likely continue to follow this trend of shutting down and not being replaced. We have also lost a few plants over the past 10 years. We possibly have a new ice cream plant opening, but no new milk plants.

Raw milk is legal to consume in this state. It has to be purchased directly from the farm. It cannot be sold in a retail establishment or at a farmers' market. Our state legislature recently increased incidental sales from 200 gallons to 1,500. So that means farms can now sell 1,500 gallons a month without regulation or safe practices being shown to them.

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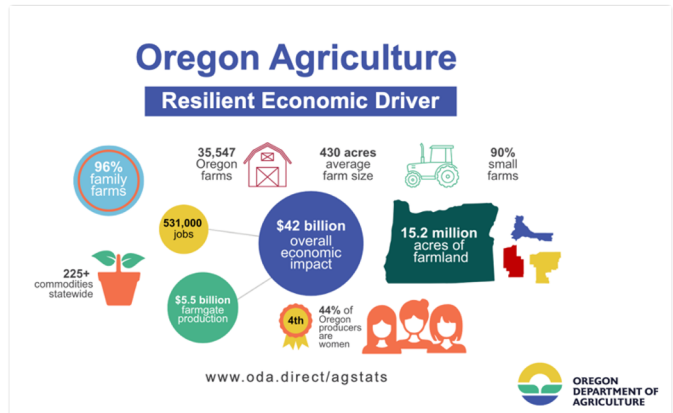
2026 NADRO Conference: Oregon Update

Oregon Department of Agriculture Divisions

1. Natural Resources
2. Plant Protection and Conservation
3. **Food Safety, Animal Health ID, and Lab Services**
4. Agriculture Services
5. Administrative Services

Food Safety Program Areas and Staffing

- Retail, Bakery, **Dairy**, Meat, State Meat Inspection, Eggs, Processing, Warehousing, Domestic Kitchen Processing and Baking, Pet Food Processing, Shellfish & Crab, Classified Food (Cannabis, Kratom, Psilocybin). Other activities: Drinking Water, Food Sampling, Plan Review, Emergency Preparedness, and more! Over 13,500 licenses.



39 Inspectors (1 Vacant), 1 Office Manager, 2 Support Specialists, 3 Program Managers (1 Vacant), Division Director

3SROs: Chris Gieber, Robert Wilson, Karel Smit. - 3LEOs: Michelle Lupien, Alec Harper, Wyatt Faulkner

Statewide Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Milk Sampling and Surveillance.

- Monthly samples from dairy processors to the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Oregon State University. To date, Oregon has no confirmed cases of H5N1 in cattle.

Oregon Dairy by the Numbers:

2025 – Milking Cows: 120,000, Goats: 14,400.

Milk production: 2,503,000,000 lbs.

Automatic Milking Installations:

21 Delaval on 8 dairies & 24 Lely on 5 dairies

Licenses	July 2026	July 2025	July 2024	July 2023
• Fluid Milk Producers:	140	148	149	157
• Fluid Milk Distributors (Grade A):	19	20	20	20
• Producer/Distributor (Grade A):	8	7	7	6
• Dairy Products Plants (Manufactured):	47	42	36	35
• Single Service Plants (Grade A):	3	3	3	3
• Non-IMS Listed Milk Tank Truck Facilities:	4	4	4	4

2025 Broken Seal Notices and Sampling	2024 Broken Seal Notices and Sampling
52 Broken Seal Notices	66 Broken Seal Notices
+/- 2,300 RFP Samples	+/-2,300 RFP Samples
• 60 Violations	• 88 Violations
• 4 Drug Residue Violations	• 2 Drug Residue Violations
+/-1,300 Finished Products Samples:	+/-1,300 Finished Products Samples:
• 72 total Violations: 9 from IMS Listed Plants	• 102 total Violations: 15 from IMS Listed Plants

Miscellaneous

- New World Screwworm
- Use ODA *Ag Services Staff* to help with sampling
- Herdshares, Raw Milk Sales, and Outbreaks
- ByHeart Infant Formula Outbreak
- Ice Cream (LPHA) vs Ice Cream (ODA)
- Multiple restructuring of producer BTUs
- Colostrum, Colostrum, Colostrum!
- FDA Check Ratings: New risk-based model
- 1st installation of Paperless Chart Recorders
- Dairy training and FDA courses for new staff and refresher for existing staff
- New mega-dairy, additional AMLs, new dairy plants, and existing plant expansion
- Request from one of our dairy plants to use *Liquitank Solutions* for hauling RFP milk
- “One ODA” changeover from MACs to PCs
- Adoption of 2025 PMO, EML, Procedures, and MMSR documents



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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

2026 NADRO Conference State Update

3 specialists:

Karie Williams – Grade A (plant and farm), tomfoolery and hijinks
Jess Gehr – Manufacture grade products and labels
Phil Harchack – Laboratory/LEO program

SRO's:

Karie Williams (plant/farm)
Zach Travis (plant/farm)
Dean Crystalloski (plant/farm)
Jess Gehr (farm + single service standardization pending)
Jim Fleck (farm)
Joel Brocious (farm + plant standardization pending)
Eric Fischer (plant)
Alicia Feliciano (plant + farm standardization pending)
Erik Maselkevich (plant standardization in progress)
+/- at least 1 – 2 additional SRO's

Requests for roughly 3 new standardizations sat with FDA for 2 years without follow through

LEO's:

Phil Harchack (LEO)
Dean Crystalloski (LEO)
Eric Fisher (LEO)
Ashley Moore (dLEO)
Bill Verbosh (dLEO)
Wendy Read (dLEO)
+ 1 additional staff in dLEO training

Milk Program

Grade A:

- 61 plants (incl: TS, RS, combos)
- 113 BTU's (Ave 40 - 50 farms, ~ 4500 farms)
- 31 Single Service

Other:

- 1,040 Tanker Trucks
- 33 Wash Stations
- 140 manufacturing plants

Laboratory Program:

- 1 Regulatory Lab
- 8 Commercial Labs
- 5 Industry Labs
- 19 CIS labs
- 74 App N Screening labs

Milk staff:

24 staff members – cross trained into other programs by need (retail, manufactured foods, produce, labor camps, etc.)

Sampling:

SSOs: 6
dSSOs: 47
Industry dSSO's: 2
662 Plant Samplers
635 Weigher/samplers

Farm Program – Certified Industry:

- 100 Grade A Farm Inspectors
- 2 Manufacture Grade Farm Inspectors



Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

Program updates:

- Chapter 59a regulation changes in effect as of May 27, 2026
 - o Weigher/Sampler Program
 - o Tanker Company Permits
 - o Removing required label review for pasteurized products to align with standards of other programs
 - Still required for Raw and Raw Aged products
 - o Somatic Cell Limit for all PA farms dropped to 500,000 per mL
 - o Removed sediment classifications
 - o Raw butter production allowed
- Industry dSSO's (farm inspectors and laboratory managers)

Happenings:

- FDA Check Ratings
 - o 100 check ratings from mid-February – end of September 2026
 - 55 BTU check ratings
 - 45 Plant ratings
 - o 7 Milk Specialists from across the country
 - o A 2-year extension to perform this work to reduce overlap with IMS rating schedule – denied/no response provided
 - 50% requires IMS rating in 2026, FDA is going in roughly 2 months before/after IMS Rating
- Previously approved 5-year audit denied by FDA:
 - o New audit being conducted for the years 2023 – 2025 (skipped year 2022)
 - o Report must be completed by Sept 31st.
 - o Lack of check ratings during this time requires PDA to supply extensive records for 17 IMS plants, 35 BTUs

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6 IMS Listed Dairy Farms

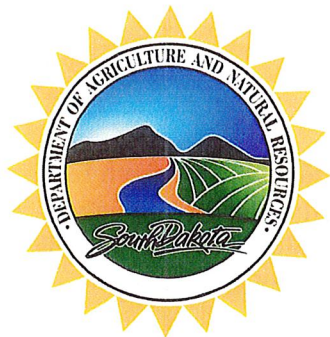
5 IMS listed Dairy plants
1 non-IMS listed Dairy plant

1 IMS listed Single Service Manufacturer

1 Frozen Dessert plant

- 2 of RI's producer processors are over 100 years old!
- Rhode Island is currently on the 2019 version of the PMO
- No raw milk sales in Rhode Island
- RIDOH utilizes Tyler Technologies for the Digital Health Department(DHD) inspection reports... new version on it's way!
- Training for milk and manufactured foods as well as FDA contract inspections is ongoing
- RIDOH performs quarterly HPAI silo samples. This may be adjusted due to migratory times and/or other sampling that indicates a potential increase risk. All samples sent to NVSL USDA lab

Thank You from "The Biggest Little State in the Union"



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South Dakota Dairy Program Statistics

Grade A Dairy Farms	125
Manufacturing Dairy Farms	0
Sheep Dairy	1
Bottle Raw Milk Dairy Farms	7
Cheese Plants	8
Cheese Cut/Wrap	2
Drying Plants	3
Raw Milk Condensing	1
Fluid Milk Plant	1
Single Service Plant	2
Ice-Cream Plants	6
BTU's	35
AMI's	117 at 8 farms
Pasteurization Units	44
Licensed Bulk Haulers	405 (increase of 83)
Licensed Samplers	226 (increase of 56)
Licensed Milk Trucks	331
Dairy Farm Field Reps	17

South Dakota Dairy Production Statistics

Cows	242,000
Pounds Milk/Year	5,421 million
Pounds Milk/Yr/Cow	23,366
Milk Production State Rank	13th

Dairy farm numbers have stabilized this past year with a loss of only 3 Grade A dairy farms for a decline of 2.4% since 2025. South Dakota's dairy industry continues to grow with an increase of 5.3% more milk cows over the past year. Our largest dairy farm will be coming online this month with milk capacity of 25,000 cows. Some of the current dairy farms are in the process of adding cows. We have seen approximately 9.5% increase in milk produced in the past year as well. Milk processing capacity continues to grow with the expansion plans of Red Rock Dairy and Bel Brands. Like other states in the Midwest, new processing capacity is needed to allow the continued growth of the dairy herd.

South Dakota continues to participate in the USDA/APHIS National Milk Silo Monitoring program. To date no non-negative results have been reported to our State Veterinarian.

Along with the increase in our milk cow numbers and milk production, South Dakota has seen an increase in requests to sell bottled raw milk. This is resulting in higher costs to our program to cover the required testing of the bottled raw milk with relation to the low cost of the permit. A member of the legislature is working to place the sale of raw milk direct to the consumers on the 2028 state ballot as an Initiated Measure. This would exempt all licensing, inspections, and

testing. If this measure passes, this will allow production of any milk products made from raw milk such as yogurt, ice-cream, butter, and cheese. Meeting the “potential consumer demand”, along with smaller producers trying to increase their profitability, are driving factors behind the increased interest from producers desiring to be licensed to sell bottled raw milk in South Dakota.

The Dairy Program under the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Livestock Service Program, is funded in part by a raw milk assessment fee (RMA). The RMA is set at 0.7 cent per cwt. The milk buyers pay the RMA on all the milk purchased from producers in the state. The RMA fee, established in 2009, is set in administrative rules to enable the department to adjust the fee if needed without going through the legislative session. The increase in milk production in South Dakota has allowed our department to maintain the current RMA fee and keep up with the increased costs of administering the dairy program due to inflation. Along with the RMA, the Dairy Program is funded by license fees for farms, plants, samplers, and pasteurization units. Currently, the Dairy Program funding is 60% fees and 40% general funds as set in statute.

The Dairy Program staff includes 2 dairy farm inspectors, 1 dairy plant inspector, 1 rating officer, 1 dairy laboratory administrator/LEO, 1 administrative assistant, and 1 program manager/LEO. Like many other state dairy programs, we are dealing with retirements and hiring qualified staff. Succession planning is critical in maintaining a well-functioning program. The Dairy Program office is based in Brookings with satellite offices in Watertown and Mitchell. Most dairy farms and milk processing is in the eastern third of the state and concentrated along the I-29 corridor.

Gene Stegeman
Dairy Program Manager/LEO
South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

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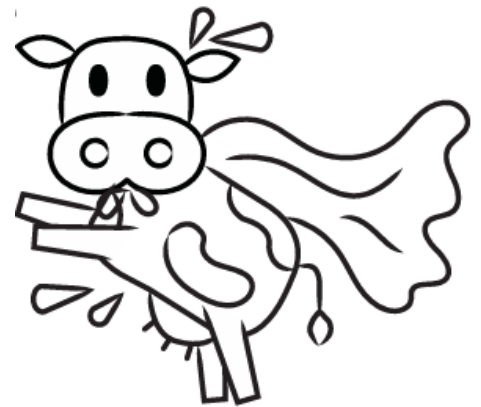
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Tennessee State Dairy Facts

- Milk is the official state beverage.
- TN is home to approximately 33,000 dairy cattle.
- Cheese is the most consumed dairy product in the state, closely followed by ice cream.
- Average cattle milking herd size is 200, with the largest farm milking approximately 1,500.
- Top milk producing counties are Loudon, McMinn, and Bradley.
- Loudon, Monroe, and McMinn are the top three counties in number of cattle.

Tennessee Dairy Program

- 101 permitted dairy farms as of 7/1/2026, with several new farms under construction
 - 95 cow dairies
 - 5 goat dairies
 - 1 sheep dairy
- 8 Dairies with AML units- Lely and Delaval
- First rotary parlor installed and running as of June
- 21 Dairy Plants
 - Includes 15 Producer/Processors
- 10 Single Service Manufactures
- Participating in HPAI silo testing through USDA
- New dairy looking at starting up in TN (~4000 milking herd)



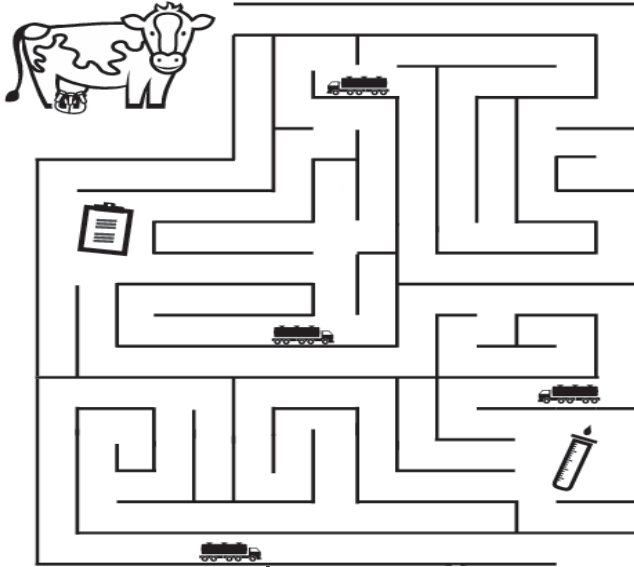
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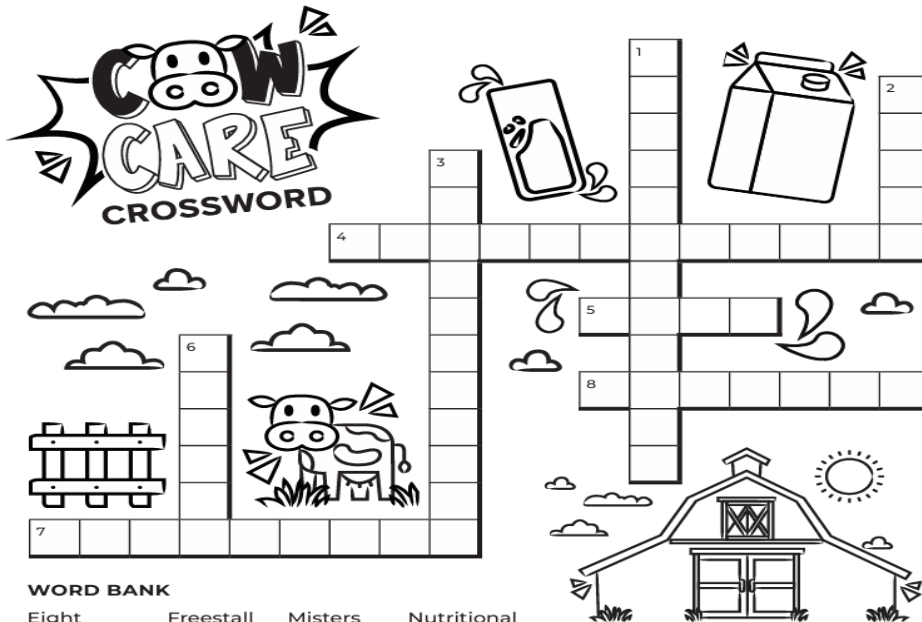
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MILK RUN

Help Bonnie get her milk from the dairy barn to you!



Maze and Crossword courtesy of the Dairy Alliance Website for June Dairy Month activities.



WORD BANK

Eight Freestall Misters Nutritional
Nutritionist Sand Twelve Veterinarian

ACROSS

4. Many farmers hire a _____ who creates a specific diet for milk cows.
5. What kind of material do cows rest on in their barns that keeps cows clean and comfortable?
7. A _____ barn provides cool shade during the summer and protection from the weather.

DOWN

1. Regular health check-ups by a _____ are needed to monitor the health of milking cows and prevent diseases.
2. One cow can produce _____ gallons of milk per day.
3. A cow's _____ requirements vary at different ages, and the diet should be adjusted accordingly.

6. Cows spend up to _____ hours laying down.
8. Freestall barns are equipped with fans and _____ to keep cows cool during the warm summer months.



Texas

Current Structure of TX DSHS & Current Program Overview

- 315 ↓ 297 Producer Dairies
- 46 → 46 Milk Plants (this includes Non-IMS Plants)
- 35 ↓ 33 Transfer/Receiving Stations
- 87 ↑ 103 Frozen Dessert Manufacturers
- 74 ↓ 67 Licensed Raw for Retail Dairies
- 56 ↑ 57 Non-Grade "A" Cheese Manufacturers
- 29 → 29 Single Service Facilities
- 23 Inspectors (1 vacancy)
- 3 Managers
- 2 Team Leads
- 1 Equipment Specialist
- 1 Quality Assurance Officer
- 1 Program Specialist
- 4 Survey Officers (1 retiring)
- 2 Laboratory Evaluation Officers

Texas Milk & Dairy Growth

- Central Texas Area- Walmart Milk Plant- came online February 2026; IMS listing pending.
- Texas holding at 3rd in the nation for milk production.

Legislation and Rules Updates:

- The only raw milk bill to pass explicitly ~~ex~~cludes cow dairies in known TB regions.
- Texas Administrative Code SubChapter D Bulk Milk Requirements – aligns with PMO including removing the 15 minute agitation prior Appendix N sampling requirement
- 1 raw milk lawsuit



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Virginia State Report
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As many of you know, Virginia's Dairy Services program is split between the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health. The Department of Health oversees all Virginia's Grade "A" fluid processing plants and their plant samplers and also performs both plant and farm ratings as the State Rating Agency. At the Department of Agriculture, our dairy related staff is comprised of 19 people to include two LEOs, seven dairy microbiologists, nine dairy inspectors, one program supervisor, one assistant program supervisor, and one administrative assistant. Our program performs all grade "A" farm inspections, raw milk sampling, tanker, and milk hauler evaluations, as well as inspections and finished product sampling of our cheese and frozen dessert manufacturing plants. This results in our program putting over a quarter million miles on our vehicles each year. Our program is also the State Regulatory Agency, so we create, update, and maintain Virginia's dairy regulations.

Currently, we have 321 Grade "A" dairy farms and 23 manufactured grade farms, to include one sheep dairy. We have only lost about a dozen farms in the last year! We also regulate roughly 100 cheese and frozen dessert manufacturing plants. Virginia ranked 24th in milk production and number of cows in the nation and was the 13th highest in number of permitted dairy operations in 2025. We produced approximately 1.4 billion pounds (162 million gallons) of milk which contributed to almost \$360 million in cash receipts. Roughly 85% of our farm income is spent within the local community and the total direct economic impact on the state and localities from the dairy industry is approximately \$5.4 billion. Our farms have an average herd size of approximately 191 milking animals but range from less than 10 animals on a farm to several thousand lactating head.

New construction and facility upgrades are not slowing down at all here in Virginia. We are currently in the midst of approving multiple robotic installations and upgrades throughout the state, a very large semi-robotic rotary which is supposedly one of the first of its kind, and we have a first-time dairy farmer who is building a robotic facility from the ground up. On the same hand, we are working with more and more new Amish organic hand-milkers who are moving into the Commonwealth.

Lastly, Retail raw milk sales are still considered illegal in our state, although Virginia does have some robust herd-share programs that are currently not under any type of regulation. At this time, these operations are neither explicitly legal nor prohibited.

- **Farms**
 - Grade "A" 321
 - Direct Load 13
 - Lely AMI 20
 - DeLaval AMI 2
 - GEA AMI 4
 - Manufactured Grade 23
- **Samplers**
 - On-Farm Direct Load 39
 - Dairy Plant Sampler 137
 - Bulk Milk Hauler Sampler 199
 - Sample Transport Only 15
- **Tankers**
 - Farm Pick-up 115
 - Transport Tanker 81
- **Milk Hauling Companies** 16
- **Receiving/Transfer/Wash Station** 4
- **Manufacturing Plants**
 - Cheese 50
 - Ice Cream/Frozen Dessert 43

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VA Milk Plants (VDH Regulated/VDH Rated)

18 Grade "A" Plants (Vat, HTST & HHST with direct and indirect steam injection)
10 IMS Plants with 11 total listings (10 PMO Listings & 1 Aseptic Listing)
8 Non-IMS Plants

VA BTUs (VDACS Regulated/VDH Rated)

19 IMS Listed BTUs (Conventional, AMIs, Rotary/Carousel, Direct Load)

VA Transfer Stations (VDACS Regulated/VDH Rated)

1 IMS Listed Transfer Station

VA Manufacturing Plants (VDH Regulated/VDH Rated)

11 Single Service Plants (Blow Molding, Injection Molding, Thermoforming, Extrusion, Blown Film Extrusion, Automatic Bag Machine/ABM)

2025 VA Rating/Audit Totals

Milk Plants: 6 = 2,000,900lbs / 20,009 Cwt (Raw Received)
 = 1,930,500lbs / 19,305 Cwt. (Processed Daily)
BTU Farms: 114 = 1,264,600lbs / 12,646 Cwt (Raw Sold)
Combined Raw Received/Raw Sold Total: 3,275,500lbs / 32,755 Cwt
Manufacturing Plants: 10



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Farms and BTUs

License Type	Current Licenses (July 2026)	Inspections (June 2025 – 2026)
Grade A Farms	4,671	8,706
Grade B Farms	767	979
BTUs in the State	194	103*
Total Farms in all BTUs	3,976	2,058*
Farms with AMIs	240	-
Total AMI Units	913	-

*Surveys completed by Milk Sanitation Rating Officers (MSRO).

Dairy Plants, Receiving Stations, Transfer Stations, and Single Service Stations

License Type	Current Licenses (July 2026)	Inspections (June 2025 – 2026)
Grade A Plants	41	175
Grade B Plants	363	389
Grade A Receiving Stations	36	140
Grade A Transfer Stations	7	13
Single Service Manufacturers	47	45*

*Surveys completed by Milk Sanitation Rating Officers (MSRO).

Bulk Milk Tankers, Cleaning Facilities, and Bulk Milk Weigher and Samplers

License Type	Current Licenses (July 2026)	Inspections (June 2025 – 2026)
Bulk Milk Tankers	3,225	1,525
Bulk Milk Tanker Cleaning Facilities	76	158
Bulk Milk Weigher and Samplers	2,454	1,333

Cheese Makers, Cheese Graders, Butter Makers, and Butter Graders

License Type	Current Licenses (July 2026)
Cheese Maker	1,303
Butter Maker	70
Cheese Grader	338
Butter Grader	94

Milk Safety Rating Officer (MSRO) Surveys

Survey Type	June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026
Plant Surveys	13
Transfer Station Surveys	1
Receiving Station Surveys	19
BTU Surveys	103
Total Number of Farms Surveyed	2,058

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Staffing Positions

Title	Number on Positions (July 2026)
Milk Sanitation Ratings Officer (MSRO)	5
Laboratory Evaluation Officer (LEO)	3
Dairy Technical Specialist (DTS)	7
Dairy Sanitarians	17 + 3 (Advanced Sanitarians)
Multiple Products Graders	2
Dairy Supervisors	5

Dairy Technical Specialist Reviews

Type	Inspections/Reviews (June 2025 –2026)
Pasteurizer Inspections	623
Reseals	364
New Pasteurizer Commissions	18
Farm Plans	232
Plant Plans	11
Variances/Equipment Reviews	65

Laboratories and Analysts/Testers

License Type	Current Licenses (July 2026)
Milk, Food, and Water Laboratory	207
Drug Residue Laboratory	89
Out of State Laboratory	11
Laboratory Analysts	548
Milk and Cream Testers	41

Laboratory Evaluation Officer (LEO) Reviews

Inspection Type	June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026
Milk Labs	10
Certified Drug Residue Labs	34
Water Labs	58
Milk Labs (Supplemental)	7
Certified Drug Residue (Supplemental)	13
Water Lab (Supplemental)	5

Agricultural Statistics (Courtesy of USDA/NASS, Milk Production)

Type	2025 (May 2025)	2026 (May 2026)
Milk Production (in lbs.)	2.82 billion lbs.	2.89 billion lbs.
Monthly Production (in lbs./head)	2,230	2,235
Dairy Cattle (in head)	1,265,000	1,297,000

Challenges

Colostrum

NMTS Silo testing, 35 Grade A Plants and 133 Grade B Plants that receive raw milk.

Reclaimed water not from heat exchange or milk products, e.g., pump seal water.

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