



# The Dairy Difference: Illinois' Impact

The dairy industry is delivering nutrition, sustainability, and economic impact.



## 26.5 POUNDS OF FOOD WASTE BYPRODUCTS

Cows eat this daily, like cottonseeds and distillers' grains, keeping them out of landfills and turning them into milk, cheese & yogurt.



## 22¢ PER GLASS

Milk is one of the most affordable, nutritious, and delicious options for busy lifestyles - packed with calcium, vitamin D, and protein.



## 13% LESS GHG PER GALLON OF MILK FROM 2007-2020

New technologies, improved genetics and advanced cow care practices made this possible.



## 94% OF FARMS ARE FAMILY OWNED

U.S. dairy farms are local with most milk traveling from farm to store in just 48 hours.

## MILKING IT SUSTAINABLY

Water is recycled up to 4 times on a dairy farm!



Chilling Milk



Providing Cows  
with Clean  
Drinking Water



Irrigating  
Crops



Cleaning  
Stalls



FROM FARM &  
FAMILY TO OUR  
ECONOMY



In Illinois, dairy totaled over  
**\$9.7 BILLION**  
in total economic impact in 2025.

