

TOP 10 Benefits

Dairy has become one of the most innovative and technologically advanced areas within agriculture in recent years. Review some of the great benefits that come with these technologies.

Benefit 1

The U.S. dairy industry accounts for 3 million jobs.

Source: National Farmers Union



Benefit 2

Over the last quarter century dairy has reduced its carbon footprint by 63%, water usage by 65%, and methane production by 57%.

Source: *Journal of Dairy Science*

Benefit 3

Today the U.S. dairy industry produces more milk than in 1944 with 16 million fewer cows.

Source: *Journal of Dairy Science*



Benefit 4

The U.S. dairy industry accounts for 1% of GDP. For comparison, the entire automotive industry accounts for 2.7%.

source: National Farmers Union

Benefit 5

97% of the over 34,000 U.S. dairy farms are family-owned and operated.

Source: US Dairy Alliance

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Benefit 6

Dairy is an excellent source for 12 of the essential nutrients needed for life.

Source: Dairy Council of CA



Benefit 7

Dairies produce manure which is used as organic fertilizer. One 750 cow dairy farm can produce enough manure fertilizer to cover 2,700 acres.

Source: Dairy Cattle Extension

Benefit 8

Consuming dairy may help with heart health, lower blood pressure and a possible reduced risk of Type II Diabetes.

Source: American College of Cardiology



Benefit 9

New technologies allow farmers to capture methane and convert it into electricity.

Source: Bloom Energy

Benefit 10

Dairy is less reliant on the weather than other areas of agriculture. This allows for year round production and a reliable food source. Source: *Journal of Dairy Science*