



SOUTH DAKOTA

DAIRY INDUSTRY

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LEADER IN DAIRY SCIENCE

South Dakota State University (SDSU) in Brookings, S.D., is the only university in the nation that covers the entire spectrum of the dairy industry in one department - from farm to finished product.

With support from major dairy organizations, SDSU's on-campus dairy processing plant produces a variety of products including 24 cheese varieties, butter, beverage milk, more than 90 flavors of ice cream and sherbet, and ice cream cookie sandwiches.

SDSU offers bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees in dairy production, dairy manufacturing and food science. Graduates from the program have a 100 percent placement rate.



ONLY U.S. UNIVERSITY OFFERING
DAIRY MANUFACTURING, DAIRY
PRODUCTION & FOOD SCIENCE
PROGRAMS IN ONE DEPARTMENT.



“At South Dakota State University, we have our own dairy farm and a dairy manufacturing plant on campus. When it comes to collaboration and a ready workforce in the dairy industry, you won't find a better place.”

Dr. Vikram Mistry - Professor and Dairy Department Head
South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D.

DEVELOPMENT READY SITES

In South Dakota, we have sites well-suited for the dairy industry. Our Certified Ready Sites program offers vetted, ready-to-go sites that are pre-qualified and ready for development. New and expanding businesses that choose a Certified Ready Site are provided current, detailed information on the site including price, availability, utilities, access, and environmental concerns.

For more information, visit www.sdreadytowork.com/certifiedready



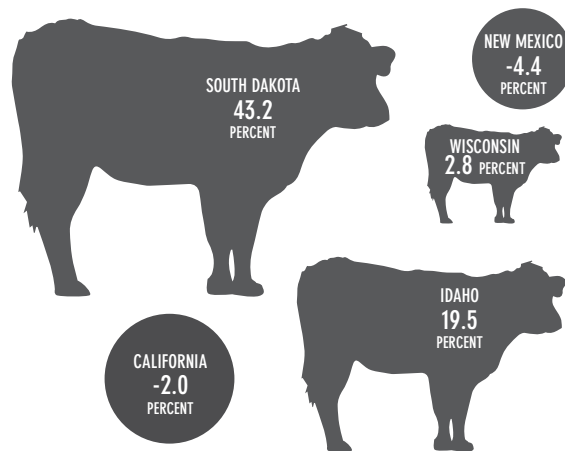
GROWING MILK SHED

INCREASED COW POPULATION:

When it comes to cows, South Dakota is well positioned for the future. In fact, in the last 10 years, South Dakota's cow population has increased 43.2 percent, making it the leader in the Northern Great Plains.

The increase is a direct result of the efforts of state officials to maintain South Dakota's roots in the agricultural industry by recruiting dairy farmers. The state, which has ample land, water and forage, is now home to more than 116,000 dairy cows.

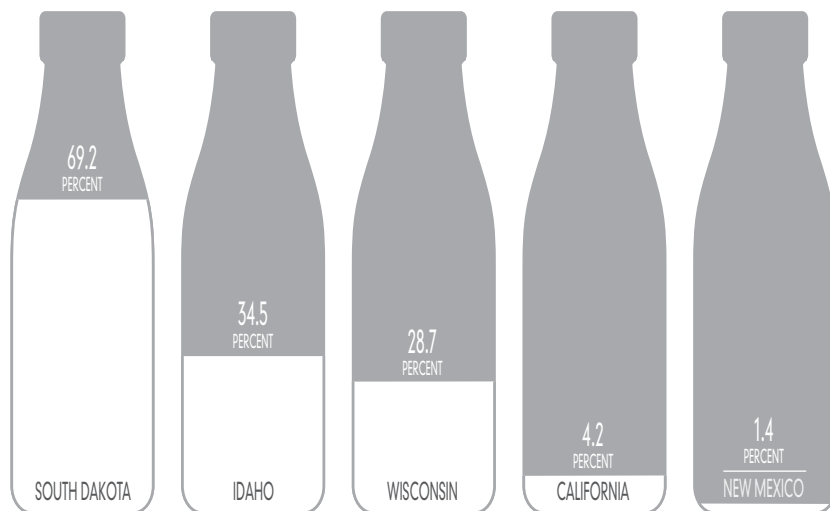
COW POPULATION GROWTH 2007-2017



INCREASED MILK PRODUCTION:

Major processors continue to make new and continued investments in South Dakota, and as a result, total milk production has increased by 69.2 percent in the last decade. With a goal to double herds and projected production rates, South Dakota has the capacity for additional processing operations.

MILK PRODUCTION GROWTH 2006-2016



RANKINGS

- #1** BEST STATES FOR BUSINESS
– BUSINESS COSTS
Forbes Magazine
- #1** ENTERPRISING STATES – BUSINESS CLIMATE
US Chamber of Commerce Foundation
- #2** BUSINESS FRIENDLINESS
CNBC
- #3** STATE FISCAL CONDITION INDEX
Mercatus Center, George Mason University

REASONABLE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

In South Dakota, doing business is straightforward. In other states you may find burdensome regulations and lots of red tape. In South Dakota, you will find a reasonable, common sense regulatory environment that offers streamlined processes for permitting. State government wants to be a partner to business, not an obstruction.

INDUSTRY PRESENCE

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BEL BRANDS USA

DAIRICONCEPTS

DEAN FOODS

DFA

LAND O' LAKES

SAPUTO

VALLEY QUEEN
CHEESE

The logo for the state of South Dakota, featuring the name "South Dakota" in a stylized, cursive script font.

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