



# The Canadian Dairy Commission

## Our role

### The CDC at a glance



Crown corporation **established in 1966** by the Canadian Dairy Commission Act



Based in  
**Ottawa**



Over  
**80 employees**



Dairy year: **from August 1 to July 31**

**Key facilitator** for the Canadian dairy industry and serves to:

- Regulate the supply for dairy products
- Manage the milk supply
- Monitor the production, processing, and marketing of dairy products
- Manage milk classes with the provinces
- Manage the national market revenue pooling system on behalf of the dairy sector
- Promote dairy ingredients
- Harmonize

## Our mandate

### Fair compensation

Provide efficient producers of milk and cream with the opportunity to obtain a **fair return for their labour** and investment.

### Efficient supply

Provide consumers of dairy products with a **continuous and adequate supply** of dairy products of high **quality**.

## Our vision

Provide leadership that **stimulates Canada's dairy industry** for the benefit of Canadians.

## Our values

Excellence | Integrity | Stewardship | Respect

## Our areas of activity

### Setting the price of milk

**Goal:** Ensure fair compensation to producers and provide consumers with access to quality dairy products.

### Managing supply and establishing quotas

**Goal:** Minimize the risks of shortages or surplus.

### Adjusting supply

Purchasing and storing of dairy products throughout the seasons.

**Goal:** Deal with seasonal fluctuations in supply and demand.

### Programs

**Goal:** Promote innovation.

### Imports

Managing tariff rate quotas for butter (WTO).

**Goal:** Ensure that imports of dairy products complies with applicable international agreements.

# Milk: A mobilizing industry

## Canada

In Canada, there are more than **9,000 dairy farms**, with a total of nearly 1.3 million cows.



Québec and Ontario have the greatest percentage of dairy farms at 81%.

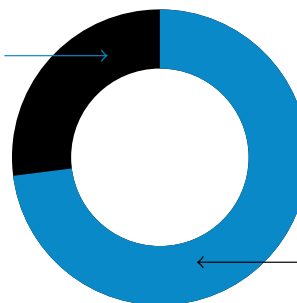
The average farm has 148 cows and an average annual production of 45,934 kg of butterfat.



More than 28,000 people work in the dairy processing sector.

### Two main markets:

Fluid milk:  
About 27%



Industrial milk:  
About 73%

## The Canadian dairy industry ecosystem

The Canadian Dairy Commission is **at the heart of the industry** and ensures a **good fit between the partners' different needs and interests**.

### Federal departments



Agriculture and  
Agri-Food Canada

Agriculture et  
Agroalimentaire Canada



Canadian Food  
Inspection Agency

Agence canadienne  
d'inspection des aliments



Canada Border  
Services Agency

Agence des services  
frontaliers du Canada



Global Affairs  
Canada

Affaires mondiales  
Canada

### Canadian agencies



Restaurants  
Canada

The voice of foodservice | La voix des services alimentaires



Dairy Processors Association of Canada  
Association des transformateurs laitiers du Canada



Canadian  
Federation of  
Independent  
Grocers

Fédération  
Canadienne  
des Épiceries  
Indépendantes



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### Provincial organizations

Provincial and  
interprovincial  
production and  
marketing.



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FARMERS



Licensing, determining  
quotas, and  
negotiating milk prices.

