

June Dairy Month

Summer is here and it's time to celebrate June Dairy Month! Did you know Wisconsin is the Dairy industry leader and ranked number one in cheese production?



June Dairy Month started as National Milk Month in 1937 as a way to promote drinking milk and has grown into a month long promotion of the entire dairy industry. One of the most popular events during June are the **Breakfasts on the Farm** held in numerous counties throughout the state including those held in Sheboygan and Ozaukee counties. These events are a great way to see firsthand how a modern dairy farm operates and to enjoy a tasty breakfast featuring popular dairy products such as milk, cheese, and yogurt.



There are six major breeds of dairy cattle in Wisconsin and the U.S.: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn. Holsteins are the most popular breed of dairy cattle due to their high milk production. Cows are milked twice a day, every day, with each cow giving an average of over 2,000 gallons of milk per year. Dairy cattle require a large amount of care from a team of professionals including Veterinarians, Nutritionists, and of course the Dairy Farmer.

For more information of June Dairy Month check out the following websites: The Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board at <http://www.wmmb.com/wdc/overview.aspx>, Wisconsin Cheese Information website at <http://www.eatwisconsincheese.com/>, the Midwest Dairy Association at <http://midwestdairy.com>, and the National Dairy Council at <http://nationaldairycouncil.org/Pages/Home.aspx>.

