



# 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  
**70 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 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 | Leadership | Respect

## Our areas of activity

### SETTING THE PRICE OF MILK

**Goal:** To ensure fair compensation to producers and provide consumers with access to a quality product

### MANAGING SUPPLY AND ESTABLISHING QUOTAS

**Goal:** To minimize the risks of shortages or surpluses

### ADJUSTING SUPPLY

Purchasing and storing dairy products throughout the seasons

**Goal:** To deal with seasonal fluctuations in supply and demand

### PROGRAMS OF THE CDC

**Goal:** To promote innovation through our programs

### IMPORTS

Managing tariff rate quotas for butter (WTO)

**Goal:** To ensure that imports of dairy products are in conformity with international agreements

# Milk: A mobilizing industry

## CANADA

In Canada, there are more than **10,300 dairy farms**, with a total of nearly 970,000 cows<sup>1</sup>.



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

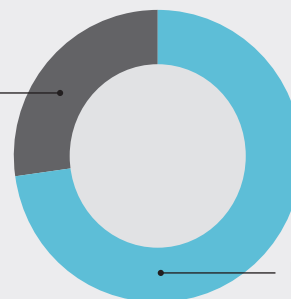
The average farm has 92 cows and an average annual production of 37,003 kg of butterfat.



More than 27,000 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**.



<sup>1</sup> Canadian Dairy Commission, 2020. 2019-2020 Annual Report

<sup>2</sup> Les Producteurs de lait du Québec. 2021. La gestion de l'offre et la mise en marché collective du lait.