



# 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 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 | Stewardship | Integrity | 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%.

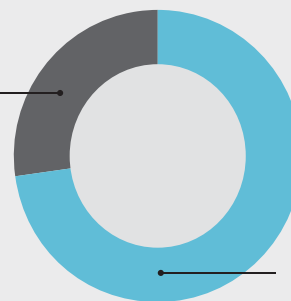
The average farm has 92 cows and an average annual production of 37,003 kg of butterfat.



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 partners' different needs and interests.



Canada Border  
Services Agency

Agence des services  
frontaliers du Canada



Agriculture and  
Agri-Food Canada

Agriculture et  
Agroalimentaire Canada



Global Affairs  
Canada

Affaires mondiales  
Canada



Canadian Food  
Inspection Agency

Agence canadienne  
d'inspection des aliments

### Federal Departments



### Canadian Agencies



Canadian Dairy  
Commission

### Provincial Organizations

Provincial and interprovincial  
production and marketing

Licensing, determining quotas,  
and negotiating milk prices



<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.