

DAIRY AS A DRIVER OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – launched by the United Nations in 2015 – are a transformative declaration to improve all lives around the world, while also fostering environmental stewardship. **The SDGs recognize the interconnected dimensions of sustainable development: Economic, Social and Environmental.**¹

How the Dairy Community is Championing the Sustainable Development Goals

The dairy community works to support efforts to make the SDGs vision for the future a reality by



investing in global dairy communities



tracking global sustainability commitments through the Dairy Sustainability Framework and Rotterdam Declaration



advancing research that supports dairy's role in addressing the SDGs

Dairy Embraces the 5 Ps of Sustainable Development

People, Planet, Prosperity, Partnerships and Peace

PLANET

Dairy's ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship links sustainable food systems to the SDGs.

7% of the total land on earth is used for feeding dairy animals^{*3}

25% reduction by 2020 – U.S. dairy community's voluntary greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal for fluid milk⁴



U.S. dairy cows generate fewest greenhouse gas emissions per gallon of milk⁴

PEOPLE

Dairy foods and ingredients help nourish people across the lifespan around the world.

365 DAYS The dairy community makes dairy foods and ingredients available to nourish people 365 days a year



Contributes to energy and nutrition

On average, milk provides about 6-19% of protein, 3-9% of calories and 6-14% of fat in global diets¹²

PROSPERITY

Strengthening global dairy communities can empower prosperous and fulfilling lives.

UP TO ONE BILLION people globally have livelihoods connected to dairy⁵

37 MILLION dairy farms are led by women globally⁶

365 DAYS Dairy provides 365 days of income to dairy communities

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PEACE

Conflict can exacerbate food insecurity and dairy acknowledges that sustainable food systems go hand-in-hand with peaceful societies.⁷

Dairy can be a key contributor to employment^{*3} and global food security.⁸ In doing so, it can help play an important role in supporting resilient, nourished communities



PARTNERSHIPS

Cooperatives and collaboration are at the heart of the dairy community.



Multi-stakeholder collaboration is required at local/regional levels as part of the Dairy Sustainability Framework

Key Issues Snapshot

~815 MILLION

people around the world are undernourished⁹



~1 in 3 people globally are suffering from some form of malnutrition (overweight, underweight, micronutrient deficiencies)¹⁰

2x AS LIKELY

Malnutrition is 2x as likely among children living in low-income countries with conflict, compared to children in stable, low-income countries¹¹

50 MILLION

Global estimated increase of people at risk of undernourishment by 2050 due to climate change¹²

The SDGs are a universal call to action. The dairy community is dedicated to being part of the solution to realizing a world free of poverty and hunger.

Learn more at nationaldairycouncil.org

