

## Learning Objectives:

- Gain a deeper understanding of the integral role milk, dairy and beef play in promoting a healthy and sustainable diet.
- Explore sustainable cattle farming practices, including climate-smart techniques to reduce environmental impact while producing nutrient-dense foods.
- Explore the farm-to-school connection and how dairy education enhances nutritional wellbeing within local communities.
- Engage with firsthand experiences and demonstrations showcasing the interconnectedness of food production, consumption, and sustainability.

## Agenda

10:00 AM	<ul> <li>Welcome and Overview of the Day</li> <li>Amy DeLisio, CEO, Dairy Council of California</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Kori Dover, RD, Director, Food and Nutrition Outreach, California Beef Council</li> </ul>
10:30 AM	<ul> <li>DeSnayer Dairy Tour</li> <li>Paula DeSnayer</li> <li>Erin Nutcher</li> </ul>
12:00 PM	<ul> <li>Lunch</li> <li>Lunch provided by Lodi Unified School District, Nutrition Services</li> <li>Open dialogue with Dietitians</li> <li>Dr. Betty Crocker, DrPH, MPH, RDN, SNS - Lodi Unified School District</li> <li>Megan Holdaway, RDN - Dairy Council of California</li> <li>Kori Dover, RD - California Beef Council</li> <li>Please complete post-tour survey</li> </ul>
1:30 PM	Adjourn



- 1. Dairy foods, like milk, provide a unique package of nutrients like calcium, vitamin D and protein.
- 2. For children and adolescents, milk and dairy foods are vital to optimal development. Milk and dairy foods fuel learning, help develop strong bones and teeth and build and repair muscle.<sup>1</sup>
- 3. Adults and children nine years and older should have three servings of dairy per day. Children ages 2-8 should have two to two and a half servings of dairy each day.
- 4. One serving of milk or yogurt is close to the size of a fist and one serving of cheese is just about the size of your pointer finger.
- 5. About 73% of calcium available in the food supply is provided by milk and dairy products.<sup>2</sup>
- 6. It only takes two days for milk to get from the farm to your local grocery store.
- 7. A Holstein's spots are like fingerprints—no two cows have the same pattern of black and white spots.<sup>3</sup>
- 8. The average cow produces 7.4 gallons of milk per day, that's over 100 glasses of milk!  $^{4}$
- 9. Milk is the top agricultural product in California.<sup>5</sup>
- 10. 97% of dairy farms in the U.S. are family-owned and operated.<sup>6</sup>

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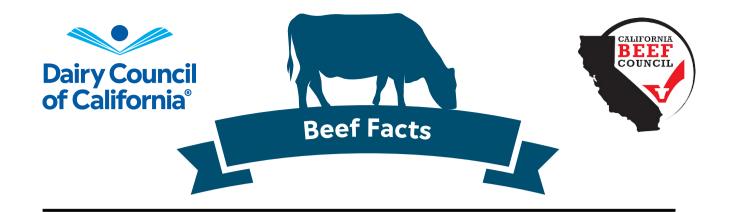
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- A 3-ounce serving of lean beef provides 10 essential nutrients in about 170 calories, including high-quality protein, zinc, iron and B vitamins. No other protein source offers the same nutrient mix.<sup>9</sup>
- A 3-ounce serving of beef delivers 25 grams of high-quality protein, which is essential for building and maintaining strength, for both your mind and body.<sup>9,10</sup>
- Protein, iron, zinc and B-vitamins in beef help ensure young children start life strong, building healthy bodies and brains.<sup>1,6</sup>
- Iron deficiency is a public health concern among adolescent girls and women, who
  consistently don't get enough iron each day. Unlike plant foods, beef is a delicious source
  of high-quality heme iron that is more readily absorbed to help your body use oxygen and
  supports improved energy to last throughout the day.<sup>7,8</sup>
- Dairy cattle have helped contribute to a larger amount of choice and prime cuts for consumers.<sup>11</sup>
- Dairy cattle have contributed between 18%-24% to the total US beef supply since 2002.<sup>11</sup>
- If the newborn calf is a male, which can't produce milk, it will likely be sold into the beef supply chain.<sup>11</sup>
- When dairy cows complete their life as milk-producing animals, they're sold as beef animals; approximately 3 million of them are sold every year for this purpose. This typically happens when a dairy cow is 4 to 5 years of age.<sup>11</sup>

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## **Beyond the Tray: Five Benefits of School Meal Programs**

School meal programs, including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP), play an essential role in fueling students' bodies and minds for learning. Here's how:

- 1. Boosts Nutrient Intake: studies have shown that students who participate in school meal programs consume more nutrient-dense foods like lean meats, low fat dairy, fruits, vegetables and whole grains, improving overall diet quality.<sup>12</sup>
- 2. Promotes Healthy Growth: school meals offer nutrient-dense protein sources, like dairy and beef, which can support healthy growth and development by providing essential nutrients like calcium and iron.<sup>3</sup>
- 3. Supports Academic Performance: studies link the consumption of school breakfast with better concentration and memory, higher scores on standardized tests, and greater achievement in reading and math.<sup>4</sup>
- 4. Advances Nutrition Security and Equity: all students in California have access to free nutritious school meals regardless of race, ethnicity or household income promoting nutrition security and equity in education.
- 5. Empowers Brighter Futures: California's Universal School Meals program reduces barriers to food access and ensures that every child has access to the nourishment they need to thrive academically and beyond.<sup>5</sup>

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