

## *Dairy Industry, Policies, & Raw Milk*

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The dairy industry is a vital part of Wisconsin's economy and culture. There are many elements within the dairy industry from farm and livestock management to the regulation and processing of dairy products. One aspect under general consideration is how to handle the growing interest in the sale and consumption of unpasteurized milk (raw milk). This bibliography provides resources about the many facets of the dairy industry including the subject of raw milk.

**“Crying Over Raw Milk: ‘Minor Issue’ Becomes More Prominent as State Gets Tough on Farmers” / Linda Falkenstein, *Isthmus*, January 28, 2010.**

[www.thedailyage.com/isthmus/article.php?article=28039](http://www.thedailyage.com/isthmus/article.php?article=28039)

***Dairy Farm Energy Management Handbook / Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.* 2006.**

[www.wistatedocuments.org/cdm4/item\\_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/p267601coll4&CISOPTR=298](http://www.wistatedocuments.org/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/p267601coll4&CISOPTR=298)

***Dairy Industry: Information on Milk Prices, Factors Affecting Prices, and Dairy Policy Options / U.S. Government Accountability Office.* December 2004.** This study examined the gap between farm prices and retail prices in 15 U.S. markets, including Milwaukee, Wisconsin, between October 2000 and May 2004. [www.gao.gov/new.items/d0550.pdf](http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d0550.pdf)

***Dairy Plant Investment Survey / U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service cooperating with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.* 2009. (AgTCP/d) (library use only)** Questions were asked about profitability, marketing, and renewable energy. [www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Wisconsin/Publications/Dairy/dairyplantinvest.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Wisconsin/Publications/Dairy/dairyplantinvest.pdf)

***Dairy Policy and the 2008 Farm Bill / U.S. Congressional Research Service.* Updated January 22, 2009.** This report includes a “side-by-side comparison of the enacted 2008 farm bill dairy provisions with previous law and the House- and Senate-passed versions of the farm bill.” <http://opencrs.com/document/RL34036/2008-06-13>

***Dairy Policy Issues / U.S. Congressional Research Service.* Updated May 2, 2007.** This continually revised issue brief offers concise analysis and current figures regarding dairy legislation. The May 2007 version analyzes the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program, dairy price support program, and federal milk marketing orders. <http://opencrs.com/document/RL33475/2007-05-02>

***Food and Dairy Safety Program, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection: An Evaluation / Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau.* 2008. (614.373/W7c1)** This report presents the results of the assessment of inspection, enforcement of regulation, oversight of local regulation, and response to food emergencies. [www.legis.state.wi.us/lab/reports/08-6full.pdf](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lab/reports/08-6full.pdf)

**“Got Milk?” / Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *A Cup of Health with CDC*, January 8, 2009.** “Dr. Titilayo Aghoghovbia discusses the risks associated with drinking raw, unpasteurized milk.” Available in audio or transcript format. [www2c.cdc.gov/podcasts/player.asp?f=10651](http://www2c.cdc.gov/podcasts/player.asp?f=10651)

**“A Legal History of Raw Milk in the United States” / Bill Marler, December 31, 2007.** An article published by the law firm Marler Clark providing information about food poisoning outbreaks and litigation. [www.marlerblog.com/2007/12/articles/lawyer-oped/a-legal-history-of-raw-milk-in-the-united-states](http://www.marlerblog.com/2007/12/articles/lawyer-oped/a-legal-history-of-raw-milk-in-the-united-states)

***Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program / U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency.* 2009.** A concise but thorough fact sheet explaining eligibility, payments, and application procedure. [www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA\\_File/milc2008.pdf](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/milc2008.pdf)

**“Raw Milk: Panacea or Poison?” / National Public Radio, *The Bryant Park Project*, June 25, 2008.** This story focuses on the experience of Freedom Hill Farm in New York that has a license to sell raw milk. Video, audio, and transcripts available. [www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=91843992](http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=91843992)

**“Raw Milk Straight from the Cow” / Alice Park, *Time*, May 1, 2008.** [www.time.com/time/printout/0,8816,1736713,00.html#](http://www.time.com/time/printout/0,8816,1736713,00.html#)

***Response to the FDA: A Point-by-Point Rebuttal to the Anti-Raw Milk PowerPoint Presentation by John F. Sheehan, BSc (DY), JD, Division of Dairy and Egg Safety / Weston A. Price Foundation.* November 2007.** To read the original PowerPoint as presented at the conference, see the entry in this bibliography under “U.S. Food and Drug Administration – Food Safety” in the “Related Web Sites” section. [www.realmilk.com/documents/SheehanPowerPointResponse.pdf](http://www.realmilk.com/documents/SheehanPowerPointResponse.pdf)

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***Rethinking Dairyland: Background for Decisions about Wisconsin's Dairy Industry* / University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics.** "Rethinking Dairyland is a series of leaflets focusing on aspects of the competitive environment facing Wisconsin dairy farmers and processors. Authors are faculty in several departments in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Readers interested in a more comprehensive treatment of the issues discussed in the leaflets are directed to larger papers in the Supporting Materials section." Dates range from 2002-2004. [www.aae.wisc.edu/pubs/dairyland](http://www.aae.wisc.edu/pubs/dairyland)

***Wisconsin Agricultural Biogas Casebook / Focus on Energy.* 2008. (623.2/K86)** A case study of 17 Wisconsin dairy farms that have anaerobic digesters to produce electricity from animal waste and other organic material. This report "offers many project details on how different digester systems work, describes enhancements by farm operators and includes candid observations from the farmers themselves." [www.focusonenergy.com/files/Document\\_Management\\_System/Renewables/biogas08\\_casestudy.pdf](http://www.focusonenergy.com/files/Document_Management_System/Renewables/biogas08_casestudy.pdf)

***Wisconsin Electrical Dairy Equipment Survey Results / Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service.* May 2005. (381.13/W7i5)** Results of a voluntary mail survey of Wisconsin milk producers who had stray voltage concerns.

***Wisconsin's Dairyland / Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau.* June 2003. (Tap the Power)** [www.legis.state.wi.us/lrb/pubs/ttp/ttp-06-2003.html](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lrb/pubs/ttp/ttp-06-2003.html)

### Related Web Sites

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Division of Foodborne, Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases:** [www.cdc.gov/nczved/dfbmd/disease\\_listing/rawmilk\\_gi.html](http://www.cdc.gov/nczved/dfbmd/disease_listing/rawmilk_gi.html) Raw milk FAQ.

**Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund:** [www.farmtoconsumer.org](http://www.farmtoconsumer.org) "For farmers and consumers defending the right to buy and protecting the right to sell nutritious food directly from the farm." February 10, 2010 news item, "Wisconsin – How DATCP Denies Raw Milk Consumers Their Rights."

**National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) – Food Regulation and Safety:** [www.nasda.org/cms/7196/7357.aspx](http://www.nasda.org/cms/7196/7357.aspx) NASDA conducted a state survey of raw milk regulation in 2004 and 2008. Scroll down to the results under the heading "Documents and Links".

**National Dairy Council (NDC):** [www.nationaldairyCouncil.org/Pages/Home.aspx](http://www.nationaldairyCouncil.org/Pages/Home.aspx) The NDC focuses on nutrition research and education.

**National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF):** [www.nmpf.org/about-nmpf](http://www.nmpf.org/about-nmpf) "NMPF provides a forum through which dairy farmers and their cooperatives formulate policy on national issues that affect milk production and marketing."

**U.S. Department of Agriculture:**

•**Economic Research Service – Dairy Briefing Room:** [www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/Dairy](http://www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/Dairy)

•**Food Processing and Technology – Pasteurization:** [http://fsrio.nal.usda.gov/document\\_reslist.php?product\\_id=142](http://fsrio.nal.usda.gov/document_reslist.php?product_id=142)

•**National Agricultural Statistics Service:** [www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Wisconsin/Publications/Annual\\_Statistical\\_Bulletin](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Wisconsin/Publications/Annual_Statistical_Bulletin)

**U.S. Food and Drug Administration – Food Safety:** [www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/Product-SpecificInformation/MilkSafety/default.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/Product-SpecificInformation/MilkSafety/default.htm)

•**Presentation: On the Safety of Raw Milk (with a word about pasteurization)**

[www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/Product-SpecificInformation/MilkSafety/ConsumerInformationAboutMilkSafety/ucm165048.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/Product-SpecificInformation/MilkSafety/ConsumerInformationAboutMilkSafety/ucm165048.htm)

**University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Dairy Science:** <http://dysci.wisc.edu/index.htm> Click "Extension" to link to "Milk Quality", "Dairy Cattle Management", "Dairy Cattle Nutrition", and other dairy farming topics.

**Weston A. Price Foundation:** [www.westonaprice.org](http://www.westonaprice.org) "The Foundation is dedicated to restoring nutrient-dense foods to the human diet through education, research and activism." A Campaign for Real Milk is their project designed to establish "universal access to clean, certified raw milk."

**Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection:**

•**Dairy Farming:** [www.datcp.state.wi.us/core/agriculture/agriculture.jsp](http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/core/agriculture/agriculture.jsp)

•**Raw Milk FAQ:** [www.datcp.state.wi.us/fs/consumerinfo/food/health/raw\\_milk/index.jsp](http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/fs/consumerinfo/food/health/raw_milk/index.jsp)

•**Raw Milk Working Group:** [www.datcp.state.wi.us/press\\_release/result.jsp?prid=2412](http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/press_release/result.jsp?prid=2412)

On February 10, 2010, Wisconsin Secretary of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Rod Nilsestuen announced he is convening "a raw milk working group to consider legal and regulatory perspectives pertaining to the sale of unpasteurized milk directly to consumers, and consider what conditions would be required to protect public health."

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