

# SOUTH DAKOTA DAIRY WORKS FOR THE WORLD



Global demand for protein-rich dairy is rising.

Consequently, U.S. dairy exports have more than quadrupled since 2000, to \$5.6 billion in 2018. Our top five markets are Mexico (\$1.4 billion), Southeast Asia (\$771 million), Canada (\$639 million), China (\$500 million) and Japan (\$270 million).

That's good news because dairy exports create South Dakota jobs and lift the state's economy.

## SOUTH DAKOTA DAIRY EXPORTS BY THE NUMBERS

**215**  
dairy farms

**9**  
dairy plants

**836** South Dakota jobs  
created by dairy exports

**\$66 million**  
in dairy exports

**\$142 million** South Dakota  
economic impact from dairy exports

Sources: Calculations are estimates by the U.S. Dairy Export Council and National Milk Producers Federation based on 2018 data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Census Bureau. Economic impacts are estimated using multiplier formulas from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. State job estimates do not include "spillover" jobs generated by exports originating in another state.

**got jobs?**  
Dairy Creates Jobs,  
Exports Create More

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