Idaho is known as the Gem State for its unsurpassed beauty and natural resources. Among its robust agricultural industries, Idaho dairy is certainly a treasure.

In fact, Idaho is the 3rd largest dairy producing state in the nation. Since 2013, Idaho dairy has sustainably increased milk production by approximately 2 percent year-over-year.

Expanding export markets have been important to Idaho dairy’s success as wholesome and high-quality dairy products are shipped around the world, creating demand for Idaho milk.

The success of the Idaho dairy industry has a positive impact on the health of the rural economy. Idaho dairy provides a livelihood for hundreds of family farmers and supports job creation and small businesses throughout the state. Fairer trade rules for dairy brings benefits to all of Idaho. That’s why it’s important to keep dairy exports moo-ving and break down trade barriers that harm the dairy industry.

Idaho dairy deserves a fair chance to compete head-to-head on the global stage. Leveling the playing field will expand exports and create jobs and new opportunities in America’s heartland.

**DAIRY IS IDAHO’S #1 AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY**

Idaho dairy has a $9.1 billion economic impact, contributing 5.7% to Idaho’s GDP and supporting more than $400 million in wages. Idaho’s dairy industry provides vital support to Idaho’s rural communities and tens of thousands of local businesses.

**IDAHO IS THE 3RD LARGEST PRODUCER OF CHEESE AND MILK IN THE U.S.**

- 2015: 14.1 B pounds
- 2016: 14.6 B pounds
- 2017: 14.6 B pounds
- 2018: 15.0 B pounds
- 2019: 15.6 B pounds

Selected state data from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, January 2020.