

# Fun Facts About Wisconsin Agriculture

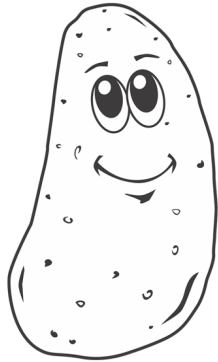
## DELIGHTFUL DAIRY

- Wisconsin is #1 in the nation for milk goats, having 47,000 throughout the state.
- Annually, 30.3 billion pounds of milk are produced in Wisconsin.
- Wisconsin has about 8,163 dairy farms.



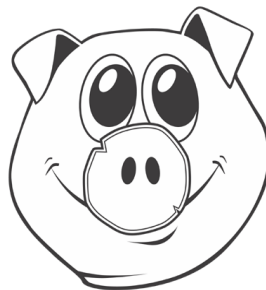
## JUST FOR FUN!

- Wisconsin farms produce 11.3 million pounds of cherries.
- Dairy contributes more to Wisconsin's economy than citrus does to Florida or potatoes to Idaho.
- Wisconsin Farms produced 1.0 million mink pelts.



## Lovely Livestock

- There are about 75,000 sheep in Wisconsin.
- 50,000 sheep are shorn to produce 330,000 pounds of fleece.
- Bacon, ham and pork chops all come from pigs. Wisconsin is home to 305,000 pigs.



## CHEESE PLEASE

- Wisconsin is the leading cheese producer, making more than 600 varieties.
- Wisconsin has 1,200 licensed cheese makers.
- It takes 10 pounds of milk to produce 1 pound of cheese.

## Sweet Treat

- Wisconsin harvests 200,000 gallons of maple syrup and 2.9 million pounds of honey annually.

## Edible Eggs

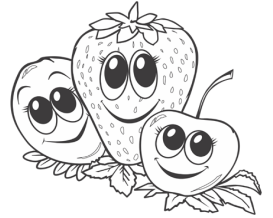
- Wisconsin's egg production generates about \$103 million and supplies 1.7 billion eggs.

## COOL CROPS

- 65% of Wisconsin soybeans are exported (2 out of 3 soybean rows go to other countries).
- Wisconsin is #2 in oat production with more than 5 million bushels processed.

## PERFECT PRODUCE

- Wisconsin leads the nation in cranberry production, growing 64% of the nation's supply.
- The cranberry is Wisconsin's official state fruit and is produced in 20 counties in the upper  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the state.
- Wisconsin apple orchards produced 49 million pounds of product.
- A mechanical cherry shaker can harvest 60 to 100 trees per hour.
- Wisconsin is one of the top producers of potatoes in the U.S. More than 67,000 acres of potatoes are harvested and sold through the fresh market, chip industry or are processed.



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