

# Fun Facts About Wisconsin Agriculture

## DELIGHTFUL DAIRY

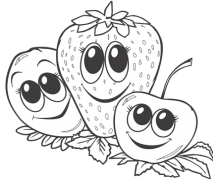
- Wisconsin is #1 in the nation for milk goats and kids, having 72,000 throughout the state.



- Wisconsin has 64,793 farms with 7,228 dairy farms
- Mozzarella and cheddar account for 54% of the cheese made in Wisconsin each year.

## JUST FOR FUN!

- Wisconsin farms produce 10.9 million pounds of cherries.
- Wisconsin farms produced 971,000 mink pelts.
- The average Wisconsin cow gives 66 pounds of milk or 7.7 gallons per day.



## Sweet Treat

- Wisconsin harvests 225,000 gallons of maple syrup and 2.2 million pounds of honey annually.

## Edible Eggs

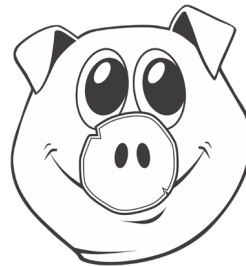
- Wisconsin's egg production generates about \$176 million and supplies 2.0 billion eggs.

## CHEESE PLEASE

- Wisconsin is the leading cheese producer, making more than 600 varieties.
- Wisconsin has 1,290 licensed cheese makers.
- It takes 10 pounds of milk to produce 1 pound of cheese.

## 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 325,000 pigs.

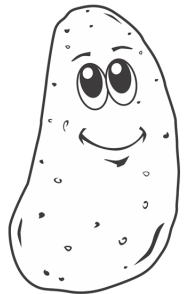


## COOL CROPS

- There are 1.2 million acres of turf in Wisconsin.
- Wisconsin ranks #4 in dry forages. A cow's unique, four-chambered stomach can unlock nutrition from these foods and transform it into nutrient-rich milk to nourish people.
- The livestock industry is the largest consumer of soy meal. In fact, 98% of U.S. soy meal goes to feed pigs, chickens and cows.

## PERFECT PRODUCE

- Wisconsin leads the nation in cranberry production, growing 62% 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.
- A mechanical cherry shaker can harvest 60 to 100 trees per hour.
- More than 67,000 acres of potatoes are harvested and sold through the fresh market, chip industry or are processed.



- Wisconsin grew more than 2,900 acres of peppermint for oil.
- Wisconsin harvested more than 4,000 acres of carrots and 3,700 acres of pumpkins.

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