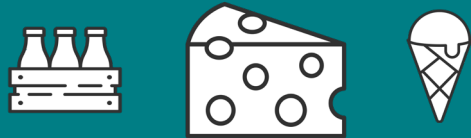


Wisconsin Agriculture Facts

Wisconsin agriculture makes an impact around the world!

90%

of Wisconsin dairy is made into cheese.



Wisconsin has 126 cheese plants, which is twice as many as any other state.

Wisconsin produces

62%

of the country's cranberry crop.



Cranberries have an air pocket inside that makes them float.

It takes

250

cherries to make one pie!



There are over 120 cherry orchards in Wisconsin.

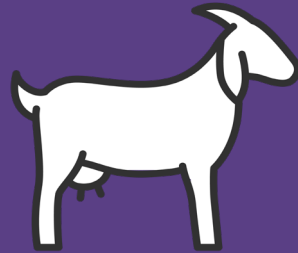
Wisconsin ranks

#1

in the processing of snap beans in the U.S.



Wisconsin ranks for milking goats in the U.S. #1



Grocery stores and specialty shops offer gourmet cheese and ice creams made of goat milk, as well as body care products, such as soaps and lotions.



Dried whey and whey protein from dairy production are used as ingredients in foods such as bakery products, snack foods, ice cream, and cheese.

About

85%

of Wisconsin's Ginseng crop is exported overseas.



Agriculture Challenge!

Agriculture is a big industry in Wisconsin! Several products we use each day are grown and processed in the state.

Can you find Wisconsin's top 10 agricultural products on the map?

- ☐ Dairy Products
- ☐ Cattle
- ☐ Corn
- ☐ Soybeans
- ☐ Potatoes
- ☐ Cranberries
- ☐ Hogs
- ☐ Eggs
- ☐ Christmas Trees
- ☐ Hay



Information and resources provided by Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom.



Scan the QR code to access additional resources or visit <https://www.wisagclassroom.org/exploring-wisconsin-agriculture/>

These products, and so many more, are all a part of

This Business Called Agriculture
Exploring Wisconsin Agriculture

Join us as we learn more about where our food comes from and explore the impacts of agriculture all across Wisconsin!

Agriculture Through the Ages

The history of agriculture in Wisconsin spans over three thousand years and is full of diverse lifestyles and cultures. Let’s look at the way agriculture has

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900 AD

Woodland Indians grow vegetables and maize.

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1700s to 1800s

European immigrants introduce wheat and other new crops.

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Late 1800s

Vegetable farming in Wisconsin increases.

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1915

Wisconsin produced more butter and cheese annually than any other state.

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1300 AD

Some groups, including the Oneota, grew crops in large fields.

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1860s

Insects and market forces threaten wheat crops in Wisconsin.

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1899

More than 90% of Wisconsin farms raised cows.

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1940

Wisconsin becomes known as "America's Dairyland."

Agricultural Careers

Jobs in Wisconsin agriculture are very diverse, so a career in agriculture could mean a lot of different things. There are career opportunities across the supply chain in production, processing, distribution, and retail. Many agriculture jobs require education in reading, writing, science, mathematics, and various hands-on skills that comes from ongoing training and experiences.

Supplies

Production

Processing

Distribution

Retail

Consumer

Can you match the careers to their stage in the supply chain?

☐ Mechanic

☐ Veterinarian

☐ Banker

☐ Food Scientist

☐ Store Cashier

☐ Agronomist

☐ Forester

☐ Research

☐ Wildlife Manager

One in nine people working in Wisconsin hold a job related to agriculture.

Agribusiness

Agribusinesses process, prepare, package, transport, or sell agriculture products. Businesses provide farmers with the inputs they need to produce various outputs.

Identify each of the following items as either an input or output. Circle your answer.

Milk

Input or Output

Medicine

Input or Output

Vegetables

Input or Output

Equipment

Input or Output

Shelter

Input or Output

Ice Cream

Input or Output

Wisconsin Agriculture on My Plate

Foods from each of the five major food groups are important elements of a healthy lunch. Foods in each of these five groups are grown in Wisconsin!

Grains

Whole grains like wheat, oats, and rye give you quick energy!

Wheat is the most widely grown commercial crop in the world. It grows on every continent except Antarctica!

Protein

Protein helps maintain bones, muscles, skin, and other elements of the body.

Beef cattle can be found in nearly every county in Wisconsin!

Dairy

An 8 ounce serving of milk gives you 8 grams of protein for strong muscles.

On average, a Wisconsin dairy cow produces over 8 gallons of milk each day.

Fruits

Fruit is a good source of fiber, which keeps you feeling fuller longer.

The average U.S. consumer eats about 65 apples each year. That's 22 pounds per person!

Vegetables

Vegetables are an important source of nutrients that support full body maintenance.

One ear of corn has about 800 kernels.

Adapted from USDA My Plate

The Impact of Agriculture

When people, processes, and resources come together, the result is thousands of products that are used every day by agricultural consumers like you! Most agriculture products fit into the categories–food, fiber, and shelter.

Can you match each image below to the category it belongs in?

Food

Fiber

Shelter