

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING

ACR 212 (Macedo)

As Introduced May 26, 2026

Majority vote

SUMMARY

Proclaims the month of June to be Dairy Month in California, recognizing California as the number one dairy state.

Major Provisions

- 1) California, the nation's largest farming state, producing more than 400 agricultural commodities, is also the top dairy producing state in the nation, with dairy being California's top agricultural commodity. California is the country's leading producer of butter, ice cream, and nonfat dry milk and is the second largest cheese and yogurt producer.
- 2) One in five Californians have uncertain or inconsistent access to food, and dairy products are an effective and affordable source of nutrition to California's families. To do their part in helping to address this gap, California dairy organizations collectively donated more than 3.6 million pounds of dairy products to local food banks in 2023.
- 3) Ninety-nine percent of California dairy farms are family owned, and dairy farming and processing in California collectively represented 151,859 jobs in 2024. California's dairy industry generates \$69.1 billion annually in dairy-related economic activity, including \$23.2 billion in direct economic activity.
- 4) California dairies are leading the way in environmental stewardship and have reduced the carbon footprint of each gallon of milk produced by more than 45% over the past five decades.
- 5) The amount of water used to produce a gallon of milk in California has decreased by more than 88% over the past 50 years. Forty percent of feed comes from agricultural byproducts in California farm rations, greatly reducing the environmental footprint of California dairies, including byproducts that would otherwise go into the waste stream like spent brewer's grain, grape pomace, almond hulls, citrus pulp, and cottonseed.
- 6) California's dairy digester program, the Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Digester Research and Development Program, is responsible for achieving 20% of greenhouse gas reductions from all climate programs invested in by the state with just 1.5% of total funds awarded.
- 7) The Department of Food and Agriculture's Alternative Manure Management Program is one of the state's most cost-effective programs, providing one ton of greenhouse gas reduction for every \$67 invested by the state.
- 8) California dairy farms continue to shrink their environmental footprint by producing more milk with fewer cows, and milk production efficiencies continue to be gained in many ways, including improved animal nutrition, selective breeding, and enhanced animal care and comfort.

COMMENTS**According to the Author**

Dairy farmers and dairy workers are the backbone of many rural communities, providing nutritious food and supporting local jobs. Dairy farming contributes \$69.1 billion to California's economy. Their dedication, innovation and stewardship help ensure that families across our state and beyond have access to safe, high-quality dairy products. This month is an opportunity to celebrate the hardworking men and women in California's dairy industry.

Arguments in Support

None on file

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

VOTES**ASM RULES: 10-0-0**

YES: Pacheco, Lackey, Ahrens, Dixon, Garcia, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Zbur

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