

# IdahoCAFE

Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment

## Project Summary

Livestock-based production accounts for over 60% of agricultural cash receipts in Idaho. In southern Idaho, dairy herds have tripled in the past 25 years, vaulting the state's milk production from 10<sup>th</sup> to *third nationally*. Idaho's food processing industry has paralleled this growth, expanding cheese and yogurt production.

Idaho CAFE will be the largest research dairy in the U.S. that will address animal agriculture and food processing challenges and opportunities nationwide. The center's mission will include examining the sociology of dairy industry and community relations, and business and economic factors. This approach will improve upon existing sustainable practices to support a profitable and environmentally sound dairy and food industry.

### Key Points:

- 1,000 – 2,000-cow dairy relying on advanced technology
- 1,000 acres of associated cropland
- Improved wastewater treatment and nutrient management systems
- Development of a food processing facility in collaboration with the College of Southern Idaho
- Components of the project will support laboratory space, offices for faculty and student housing

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*From our farms to the tables of people all around the world, Idaho will continue to provide consumers with the highest quality milk and dairy products, and we see CAFE as a key component in making that possible.*



**Idaho Dairymen's Association**

## Regional Model

A distributed model for CAFE that will benefit the entire Magic Valley region.

### Research Dairy

- Located near Rupert (Minidoka County)
- Purchased in partnership with the Idaho Dairymen's Association
- New site prepared for a dairy but with limited infrastructure
- Power, road and lagoons exist
- Permitted; score of 4.5/5.0 on CAFO evaluation
- Build dairy from scratch with first focus on environmental research

### Outreach and Education Center

- Located at Crossroads Point – at I-84 and Hwy 93 intersection (Jerome County)
- Opportunity to learn about all Idaho agriculture
- Engaging activities and retail opportunities

### Food Processing Pilot Plant/Training Center

- Located on CSI campus (Twin Falls County)

## Funding Progress

**\$18M** Total allocated for the project to date.

## Timeline

Mapping the future of CAFE development

### March 2019

Closed on research dairy property

### April 2019

Begin environmental research at dairy location

### August 2019

Close on outreach/education property

### December 2019

Complete designs for both the dairy build and the outreach and education center

### July 2021

Begin building research dairy

### June 2023

Open outreach and education center

### Spring 2024

Begin milking cows at the research dairy

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