

University of Wisconsin Dairy School

By the beginning of World War II Wisconsin officially became known as "America's Dairy Land" when this was added to Wisconsin license plates. Wisconsin annually produced more milk than any state until supplanted by California at the end of the 20th Century.

In 1867, Wisconsin was home to 245,000 producing dairy cows. By 1912, Wisconsin could boast 1.46 million producing dairy cows and by 1925 this number had increased to more than 2 million producing dairy cows.

The ongoing work of the Wisconsin Dairymen's Association, established in 1872, helped raise milk production in the state. The University of Wisconsin Dairy School, opened in 1887, provided higher education in the dairy industry for milk, cheese, butter, and other dairy product production. The UW Dairy School was the first in the nation.

