



# WESTERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

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# IMMIGRATION REFORM

## OUR BELIEFS

The **success and growth** of Idaho's dairy industry was not achievable without the contributions of a predominantly **Hispanic** workforce. These **hardworking, family-oriented** individuals have toiled beside our dairy farm families for generations to help build the industry we are today. **The Idaho Dairymen's Association** believes that one of its most impactful initiatives revolves around **promoting and protecting** these talented employees and their families.

# IDAHO DAIRY OPERATIONS BY SIZE

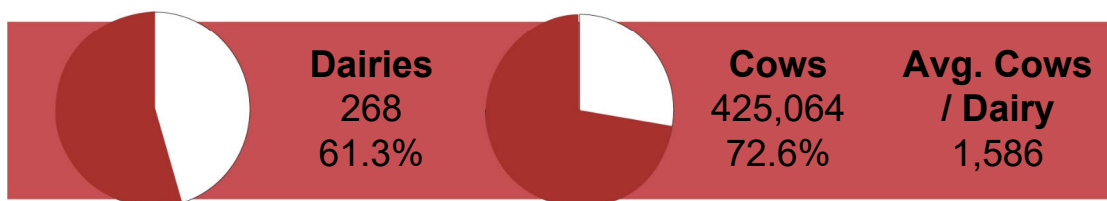
Numbers provided by ISDA – May 2019

# of Dairy Operations	% of Idaho Operations	# of Cows	Avg. Workers Per Dairy	
87	19.9%	<200	2	
83	19.0%	201-500	4	
73	16.7%	501-1000	8	
103	23.6%	1001-2000	15	
91	20.8%	2001+	25+	

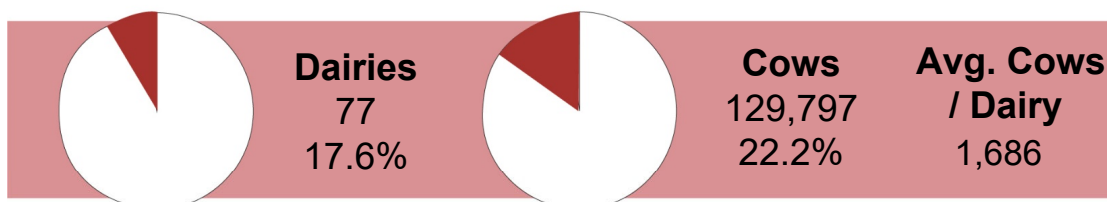
**TOTAL DAIRY OPERATIONS 437    MILK COWS IN IDAHO 585,774**

# IDAHO DAIRY PRODUCERS

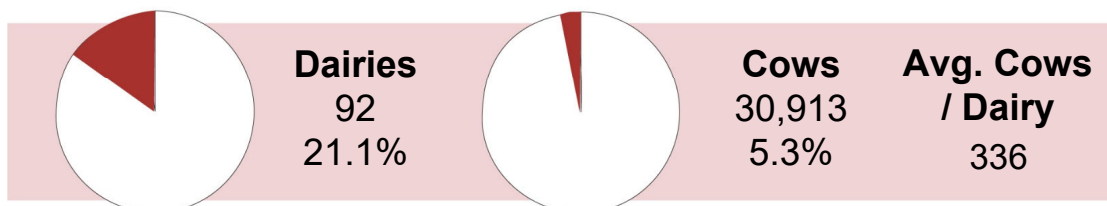
## MAGIC VALLEY



## TREASURE VALLEY

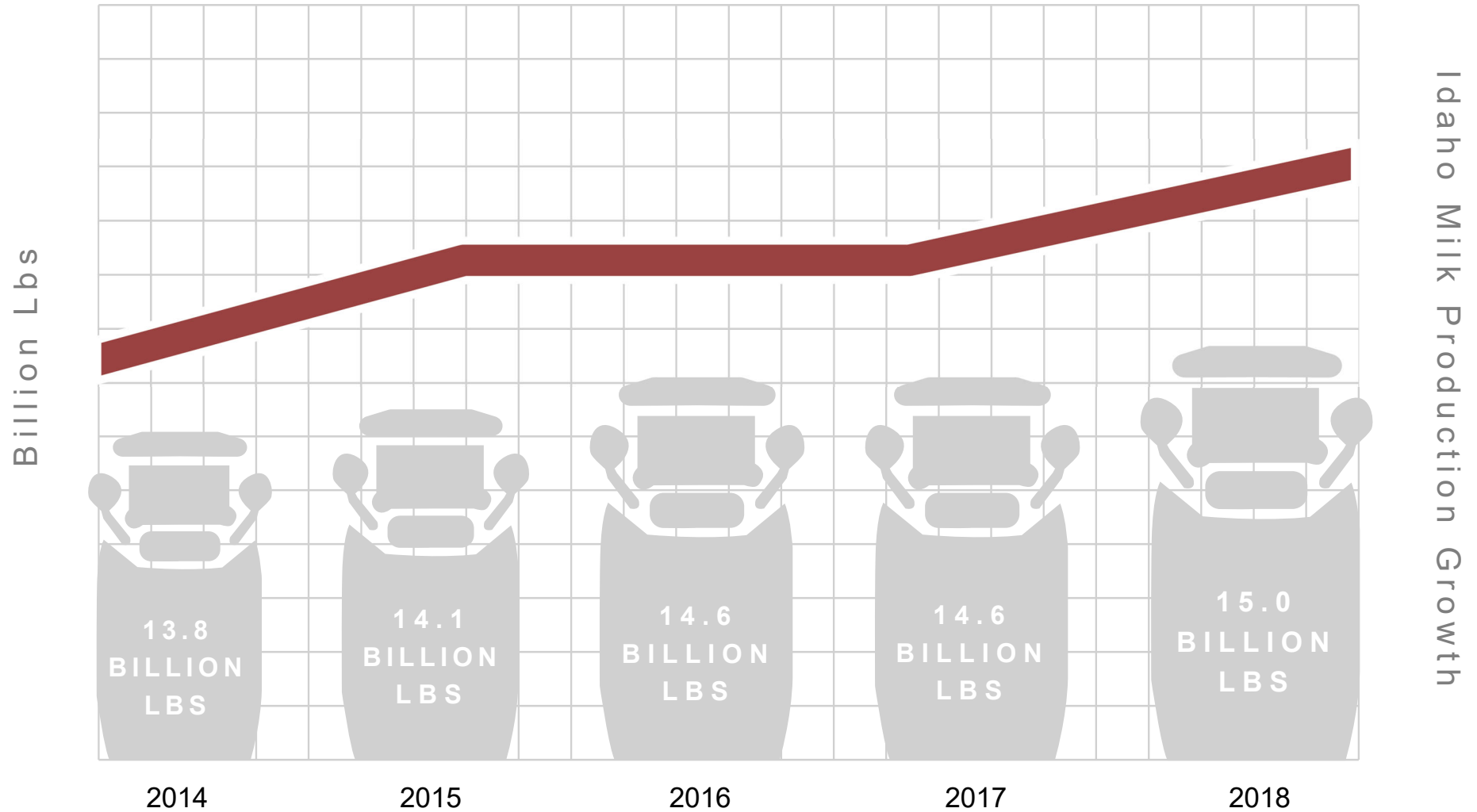


## EASTERN IDAHO



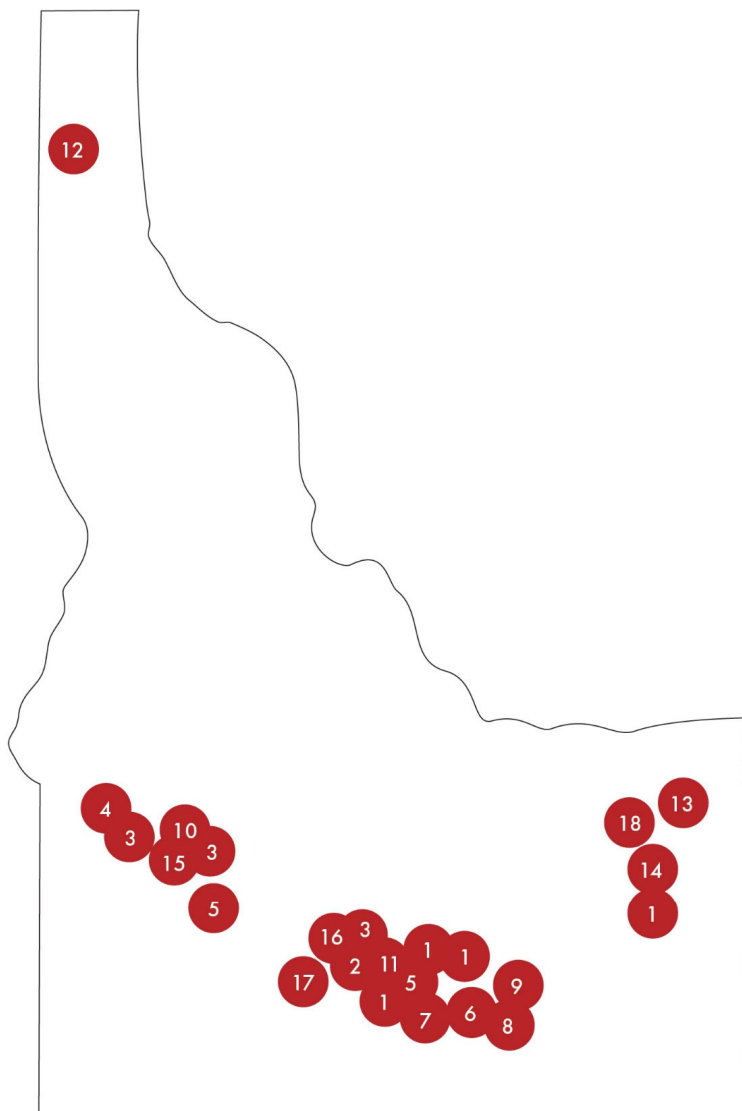


# IDAHO MILK PRODUCTION



Since 2013, Idaho's milk production has been **increasing by approximately 2% every year**, equaling an increase of **800,000 pounds of milk per day**.

# IDAHO DAIRY PROCESSORS



1. **Glanbia Foods** - Twin Falls, Gooding, Richfield & Blackfoot
2. **Agropur, Jerome Cheese** – Jerome
3. **Darigold** - Boise, Caldwell, Jerome
4. **Lactalis** – Nampa
5. **Idaho Milk Products** - Jerome
6. **High Desert Milk** - Burley
7. **Chobani** - Twin Falls
8. **Gossner Foods** – Heyburn
9. **Brewster Cheese** – Rupert
10. **Magic Valley Quality Milk Producers** - Jerome
11. **Meadowgold** - Boise
12. **Commercial Creamery** - Jerome
13. **Litehouse Foods** - Sandpoint
14. **Nelson Ricks Creamery** - Rexburg
15. **Reed's Dairy** - Idaho Falls
16. **Boise Milk** - Boise
17. **Ballard Family Dairy & Cheese** - Gooding
18. **Cloverleaf Creamery** - Buhl
19. **Manwaring Cheese** - Rigby
20. **Marathon Cheese** - Mountain Home

# DAIRY'S ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION

## \$10.4 BILLION

Idaho received **\$10.4 billion** economic output in sales from the dairy industry in 2016.

### \$4.2 billion

in domestic & foreign exports

### \$3.5 billion

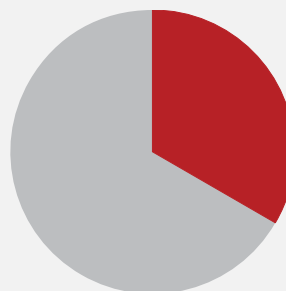
contribution to Idaho's GDP

### \$160 million

in state & local taxes



For every **\$1.00** brought into Idaho through exports, **\$2.48** of economic output is generated.

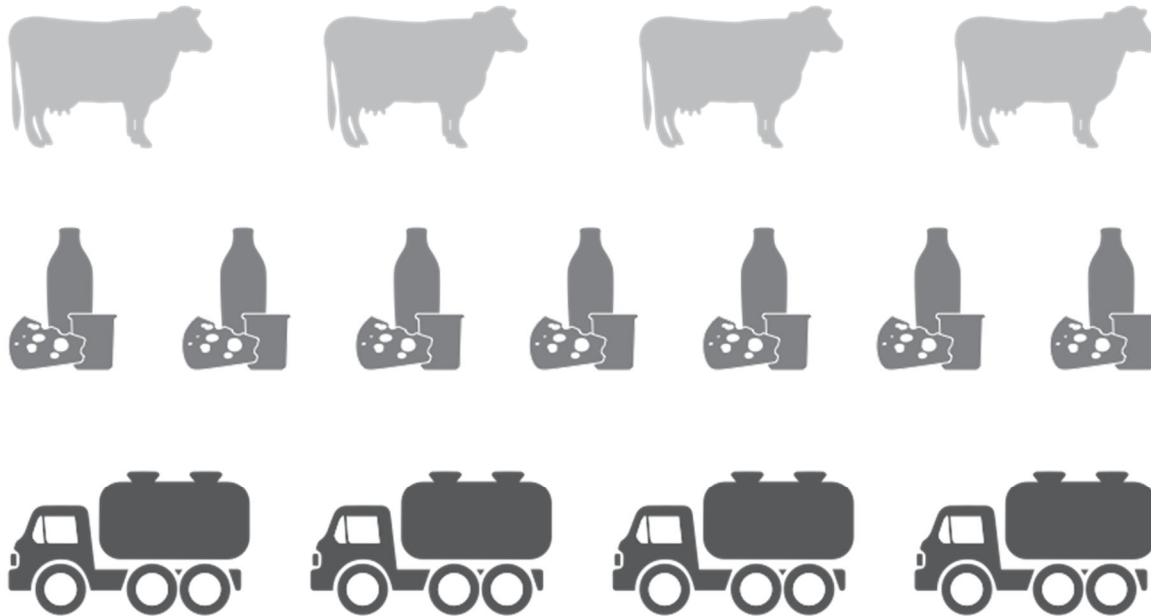


The dairy industry represents **33%** of the agricultural sector in Idaho.

# U OF I STUDY IDAHO DAIRY JOBS

The dairy industry supports Idaho's economy with

## 39,400 JOBS



**8,100**  
on dairies

**3,700**  
in processing

**27,600**  
in supporting businesses

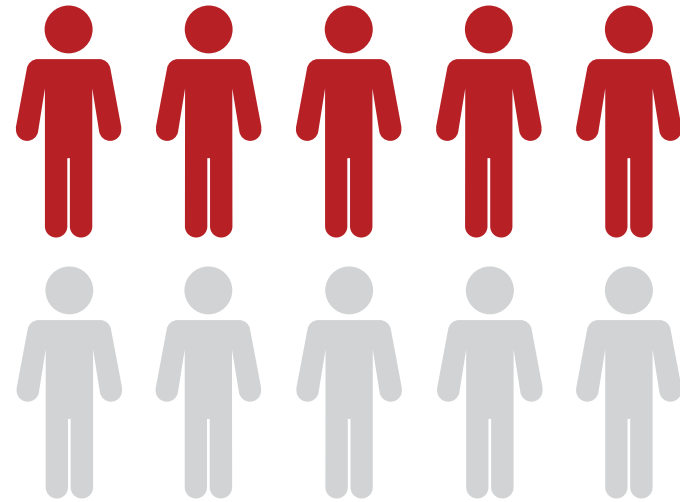
**90%+** of the on dairy jobs are filled by foreign born labor.  
Without those jobs, none of the others exist.

# OUR CURRENT WORKFORCE IS THE PRIMARY FOCUS



**90%+**

of dairy  
workers are  
foreign born



**46%**

of total ag  
workforce is  
undocumented

**There is not a year round ag worker visa program available for dairies to utilize**



# IDA'S IMMIGRATION REFORM PLATFORM

1

Allows for current workforce to gain legal status

- **without** having to step out of country
- provides **legal status** for immediate family of worker

2

Aligns available visas with **workforce needs**

3

Determining legal status lies with the **federal government**, not the employer

**ADDING TO OUR**  
IMMIGRATION  
REFORM **EFFORTS**

**FAMILIAS UNIDAS**  
IMMIGRATION LEGAL  
SERVICES



**FAMILIAS UNIDAS**  
— SERVICIOS LEGALES DE INMIGRACION —  
IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

**\$60,000**

IDA has contributed **\$60,000** to help Familias Unidas Immigration Legal Services.

IDA Members will be provided vouchers for their employees that they can use for a free consultation and discounted services.



## WORKER TRAINING & SAFETY

- Program provides **on-farm training** and **safety awareness** for Idaho's dairy workers
- IDA has partnered with IMPA to cover half program costs
- Partnering with NMPF to write safety manual for FARM Plan
- We continue to expand the number of dairies we are working with
  - o Over 50 facilities trained
  - o Over 1,000 workers trained in the past year
- Excited to announce new partnership with **WCF & Moreton Company** to provide discounts for Workers Comp Insurance for participating dairies!



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