



New Hampshire Farmers –Committed to high standards of animal care

New Hampshire dairy farmers have a longstanding commitment to the care of their animals. A cow's health and well being is of the utmost importance to dairy farmers. Nutritious diets, healthy living conditions and good medical care are all essential for a healthy, productive herd.

A majority of New Hampshire dairy farms are family owned –passed from generation to generation. The average family dairy farm in New Hampshire consists of 115 head of milking animals. Dairy farmers give the best care and treatment possible to their animals and take tremendous pride in doing so. Healthy cows produce high-quality products. It does not make sense for a farmer to give his or her cows anything less than the best treatment.

In New Hampshire:

- Cow comfort is very important to dairy farmers. Ensuring that clean, dry bedding is available to cows at all times, in addition to providing healthy living conditions, are top priorities to dairy farmers
- Dairy cows have access to feed as well as fresh, clean water 24 hours a day. Many dairy farms use “free-stall housing,” which is a type of barn that allows cows to eat, drink and sleep whenever and wherever they choose.
- On a daily basis, cows move on their own from their pens and fields as well as to and from the milking parlor.
- Cows receive regular veterinary care, including periodic check-ups, preventative vaccinations and prompt treatment of illness.
- Farmers employ professional nutritionists to develop a scientifically formulated, balanced and nutritious diet for their cows.
- Dairy farmers adhere to strict food safety regulations, maintaining clean, safe facilities.
- Most dairy barns use advanced ventilation systems to assure healthy air quality