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Real California Milk Month

California's agricultural sector is an essential part of its identity and the dairy industry plays a key role in the state's economic prosperity. Our dairy farms lead the nation in sustainable farming practices and farm families contribute in innumerable ways to their communities.

The leadership of our dairy farmers has made the state one of the world's great dairy-producing regions. California is number one in fluid milk production at nearly 40 billion pounds, accounting for a fifth of the nation's milk supply and approximately 32 percent of the nation's dairy exports.

Dairy continues to lead the state's more than 400 agricultural commodities and ranks number three in the top valued agricultural exports, with a value of \$1.41 billion. We are also the second largest cheese producer in the nation, with a cheesemaking tradition that goes as far back as our winemaking roots.

California would not be the same without our dairy farms. I urge Californians to show their support for dairy products crafted here in our Golden State.

Sincerely,



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Governor of the State of California