

BENEFITS OF US - IDF MEMBERSHIP



- **Access** to the collective knowledge and experience of major dairying countries and experts around the world.
- **Collaboration** with other international organizations, like Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Health Organization (WHO), International Standards Organization (ISO), Codex Alimentarius and others, to facilitate fair trade for dairy products. Membership provides a voice and a seat at the table for the U.S. dairy industry to be involved in the decision making of these important bodies.
- **Direct input** on key issues that impact your organization. IDF is well respected among international organizations, due all the expertise that the member countries bring to the table. It's critical that the U.S. voice and position be heard, since many times our views are not consistent with other countries. US-IDF has worked hard, and with success, to build our credibility on the global scene.
- Participation in IDF Standing Committees, providing the opportunity to meet and work with international leaders in a variety of dairy disciplines, **advising** the future direction of the world's dairy industry.
- **Be at the forefront** of trends and innovations—from economics to scientific breakthroughs.

WHO BELONGS TO US-IDF?

International issues are more vital to the U.S. dairy industry than ever. If you have a strong interest in the future of the U.S. dairy industry, whether you represent a dairy cooperative, dairy processor, dairy product broker, exporter or user of dairy ingredients, or government dairy regulator, US-IDF provides the platform for your views and voice to be heard on national and international dairy standards development, dairy trade policy and establishment of U.S. government positions at international meetings that impact the ability of the US dairy industry to grow and export dairy products.

The future of the dairy industry is significantly impacted by what is happening outside the U.S. US-IDF membership provides a more direct access to these learnings. In addition, US-IDF has developed significant credibility and influence into both domestic and international organizations such as the IDF and Codex. The work of US-IDF impacts everyone in the US dairy industry and your ability to do business around the globe.

Current US-IDF members include:

- Major dairy trade associations
- Dairy processors
- Dairy research organizations
- Academia
- Regional dairy organizations
- Dairy industry suppliers
- Dairy food companies
- FDA and USDA

Join now and add your voice.

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The U.S. National
Committee of
the International
Dairy Federation

Your Link to the
World's Dairy Policies
and Markets





US-IDF

The Link to the World's Dairy Industry

Today the US dairy industry is more globally dependent than ever. It is critical that U.S. dairy industry representatives engage in the international dialogue that impacts the ability to compete globally. The U.S. dairy industry must have someone at the “table.”

- US-IDF provides the passage and platform for the U.S. dairy industry to collaborate, establish mutually beneficial positions and then advocate those positions in the global policy-making arena.
- US-IDF members work together to advance issues and work items important to the U.S. dairy industry. It serves as a platform to voice U.S. positions at the international non-governmental organization level such as the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the International Standards Organization (ISO), the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), etc.
- US-IDF provides a training ground for US dairy representatives to learn about pending issues and preparing them to be advocates for the entire US dairy industry. With this vision of providing an opportunity for the US dairy industry to have an organization that is focused on international dairy policy and markets, the United States National Committee of the International Dairy Federation (US-IDF) was founded in 1980.

IDF provides the United States dairy industry with a platform to access to the world dairy stage. IDF, which was founded in 1903 and is based in Brussels, Belgium.

INTERNATIONAL DAIRY FEDERATION

The International Dairy Federation (IDF), like US-IDF, promotes the scientific, technical, nutritional and economic importance of international dairying. Both US-IDF and IDF are non-profit organizations. IDF’s mission is to promote and enhance the image, trade, production and consumption of milk and milk products worldwide by collecting and disseminating scientific, technical and economic information and providing a platform for meaningful exchange of professional knowledge and discussion. US-IDF members actively participate in all IDF program areas which are composed of experts nominated by each respective IDF National Committee. Here is where US-IDF has a voice as well as a global network in which to interact.

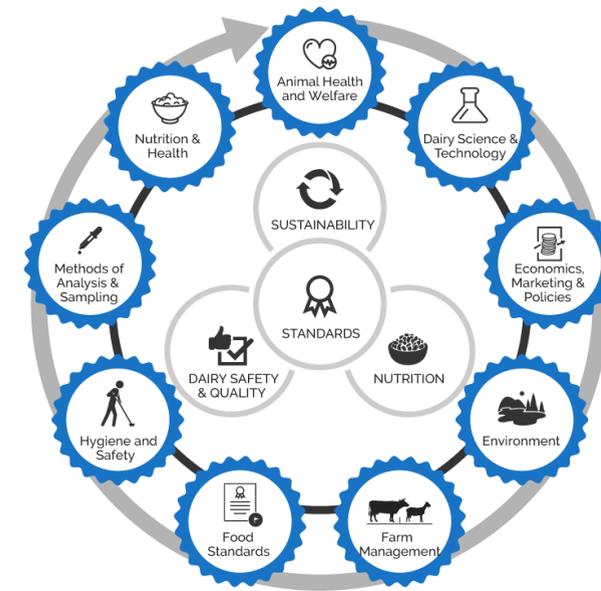
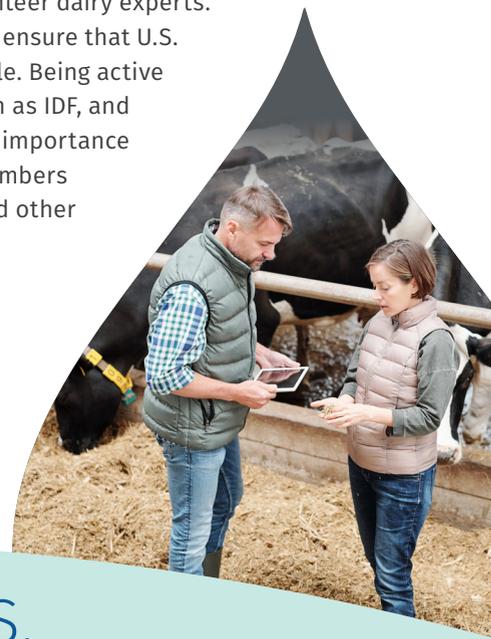
In each of the 43 IDF member countries there is a National Committee, such as US-IDF, responsible for their dairy industry’s input to IDF, nominating delegates and experts and replying to questionnaires and attending various IDF meetings around the world, representing U.S. dairy industry interests. The work of US-IDF is carried out by volunteer dairy experts. They work to monitor issues globally and ensure that U.S. positions are voiced at the IDF global table. Being active in an accredited international group, such as IDF, and working to secure alignment on issues of importance to the U.S. is invaluable. Often US-IDF members serve on the IDF delegations to Codex and other NGO meetings.

US-IDF VISION

Be a voice on behalf of the U.S. dairy industry for global standards, policies and markets.

IDF IN THE U.S.

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US-IDF PROGRAM AREAS

The work of US-IDF centers around four main pillars: Nutrition, Standards, Sustainability, and Food Safety. Everything we do is based on scientific excellence.

Nutrition

US-IDF proactively supports science-based nutrition policies that ensure dairy is an integral part of the diet for all age groups and contributes to closing the nutritional gap.

Standards

US-IDF aims at shaping global regulatory frameworks through the development of policies, laws, regulations, protocols/codes of practice, specifications, guidelines and fact sheets. These address methods of analysis and sampling (MAS), food standards, animal health and welfare, environment, food safety and quality, and nutrition.

Sustainability

US-IDF supports the dairy sector’s commitment to continuously improve its ability to provide safe and nutritious milk and dairy products from healthy animals to consumers while preserving the planet’s natural resources and ensuring decent livelihoods worldwide. This must be done by developing and promoting sustainable practices across the dairy supply chain.

Dairy Safety & Quality

US-IDF promotes best practices and risk assessment to assist in safeguarding the integrity and transparency of the dairy supply chain which is paramount to ensure the dairy industry can deliver safe milk and dairy products of the highest quality.