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Do you like a nice, cold glass of milk? A sweet bowl of ice cream? A cool cup of yogurt? Maybe some string cheese at lunch or for snack? Then the United States has the perfect place for you! Located in the upper Midwest is America's Dairyland: Wisconsin!

Wisconsin touches both Lake Superior and Lake Michigan. It has very rich farmland. On that farmland are about 6,000 dairy farms. Those farms can produce more than 30 billion pounds (13.6 billion kilograms) of milk per year.

Only one state produces more milk than Wisconsin. That's

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California, at 40 billion pounds (18 billion kilograms) or more per year. But no state produces more cheese. Wisconsin has to import milk from other states just to keep up! Wisconsin has more than 100 cheese plants. At one time, it had more than 1,500! These cheese plants make more than 600 types of cheese. In 2022, they made about 3.5 billion pounds (1.6 billion kilograms) of cheese in total.

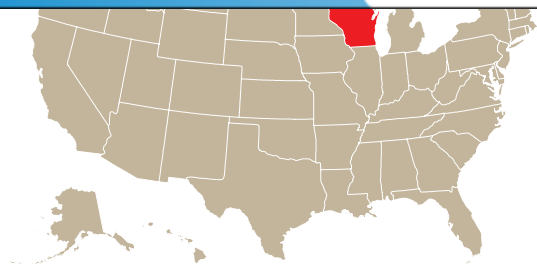


proud of it. Some call Plymouth,



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Did you know?

Only 3 places in the world produce more cheese than Wisconsin.

- Germany
- France
- the rest of the United States combined

lactose intolerance, it means a special part of milk called lactose makes you sick. A place with more than 13 cheese festivals—and where people wear foam cheese hats to football games—might sound like a nightmare. Maybe it's best to steer clear of Wisconsin if you can't have dairy. At least it shouldn't be hard to avoid. Just turn around when you see all the cars say "America's Dairyland" on the plates!

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1. What fraction of U.S. cheese is made in Wisconsin? _____
2. Which dairy product is *not* mentioned in the article?
 - a. yogurt
 - b. butter
 - c. string cheese
 - d. ice cream
3. Reread the following sentence from the article.

Wisconsin has more than 100 cheese plants.

What does the word *plants* mean?



- d. Cheese uses less milk now than it used to.
5. Name three of the things the article mentions that show Wisconsin is proud of its dairy and cheese.
 1. _____

 2. _____

 3. _____

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The scrambled words below are vocabulary words from the article. Unscramble each word and write it on the line. Please be sure each word is spelled correctly.

1. _____ s e f i t l a v s
clue: parties

2. _____ p o r d u
clue: feeling good about something you did



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6. _____ a l c e s o t n i t l o r e n a c e
clue: condition where milk makes you sick

7. _____ p a c i l a t
clue: the head city

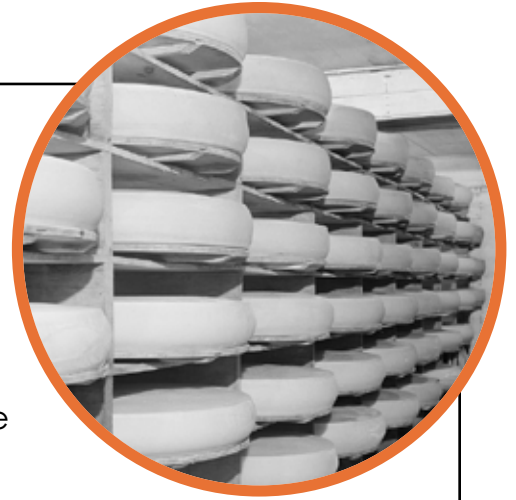
8. _____ v a d o i
clue: to stay away from

9. _____ m o a f
clue: soft, lightweight material

10. _____ d y a r i
clue: milk, or things related to it

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In the article, "America's Dairyland," you read about the state that makes the most cheese, Wisconsin. Wisconsin has many festivals all about cheese.

If you could plan a festival about a kind of food, what would it be? Why? What time of year would you have it and what would you do there? Tell all about your festival on the lines below.



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ANSWER KEY

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1. What fraction of U.S. cheese is made in Wisconsin? _____

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2. Which dairy product is *not* mentioned in the article?



4. _____ of the World; there is a New Year's Eve cheese drop; there are more _____

_____ than 13 cheese festivals; people wear foam cheese hats to football _____

3. _____ games; the license plates say "America's Dairyland" _____

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10. dairy

clue: soft, lightweight material

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