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Idaho Dairy Cows

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH

Now that you know more about Idaho's dairy products, it's your turn to share that knowledge by explaining the step by step production journey. Below, write a complete paragraph describing the steps between the cow and the consumer. **Be sure to use transition words** and proper grammar, mechanics, and spelling.

Write your paragraph below:

At a dairy farm, the dairy farmer and the employees do their best to take care of the cows. **First**, the cows are fed just the right amount of a wholesome variety of food throughout the day so they can stay healthy and produce quality milk. **Next**, cows are milked 2-3 times every day for 4 minutes by an automated milking machine. The 100° milk is instantly chilled to 40° to keep it fresh. **After** the milk is cooled, it is transferred to a bulk tank. **From the bulk tank**, milk is pumped into an insulated milk tanker truck to be delivered to a processing plant. At the processing plant, milk is pasteurized to kill microorganisms. **Then**, milk is put into jugs or bottles or made into yogurt or cheese. **Finally**, dairy products are shipped a short distance to consumers. There is a long process to get milk from a cow to our refrigerators.
