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Idaho Dairy Cows

ANSWER KEY

Now that you know more about the Idaho dairy cow, it's your turn to reinforce some of that knowledge. Below you will find a bulleted list of the steps to get dairy products from the cow to the consumer. Your job is to put the events in the correct order. Number the events 1-8. Next, write a complete paragraph describing the steps to get dairy products from the cow to the consumer. Be sure to use transition words and use proper grammar, mechanics, and spelling.

- 2 Cows are milked 2-3 times every day for 4 minutes by an automated milking machine.
- 5 Milk is pumped into an insulated milk tanker truck to be delivered to a processing plant.
- 7 Milk is put into jugs or bottles or made into yogurt, cheese, or other dairy products.
- 8 Dairy products are shipped a short distance to consumers.
- 4 The milk is transferred to a bulk tank.
- 6 Milk is pasteurized to kill microorganisms.
- 1 Cows are fed just the right amount of a wholesome variety of food throughout the day.
- 3 The 100° milk is instantly chilled to 40° to keep it fresh.

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.