

Statement on Animal Welfare

Agropur and its dairy-producer-members believe that the dairy industry's prosperity and viability depend on the daily care and attention received by each animal on the farm. Dairy producers know that their animals are the source of their success. They work with the animals daily and care about their health and welfare.

Agropur and its members are committed to appropriate treatment and care of dairy cattle at every stage of their lives in order to keep them healthy, comfortable and safe. Animals that are handled attentively and calmly are healthier and more productive. The workers in contact with dairy cattle are therefore expected to treat the animals under their responsibility well, with appropriate handling methods and care.

Agropur's plants in both Canada and the U.S. receive and process the milk produced by Agropur members and other producers. Legal standards and industry codes of conduct stipulate requirements and guidelines for proper treatment and care of the animals. In several jurisdictions, regulations are currently being developed or improved with the aim of protecting animal welfare and prohibiting animal cruelty.

Our goal everywhere we do business is to offer our customers high-quality dairy products made with top-grade milk from well-treated animals. We are committed to promoting high standards of animal welfare among our members and all our milk suppliers, and to working together with all partners that pursue the same objective.

Agropur and its owners will not accept any cruel treatment of dairy cattle or of animals in general and have a zero tolerance policy on animal cruelty.

Agropur will refuse to accept milk from any dairy producer or marketer if the milk comes from a farm that has been credibly shown to mistreat or abuse animals.