

## IDA News

## IDA Elects its New Central Executive Committee

IDA Central Executive Committee (CEC) Election process started on October 17, 2025 under the nominated Returning Officer Shri Diya Sharma. The other election committee members were Dr. Deep Narayan Yadav and Shri Hariom Gulati. Election was held through on-line voting system. Election result was announced on November 18, 2025.

The newly elected members are:

**President:** Shri Sudhir Kumar Singh; **Vice Presidents:** Shri Sukhbir Singh Mann and Shri Arun Patil; **Member (General Category):** Shri C.P. Charles; M/s Food & Biotech Eng. India Pvt. Ltd.; Shri Rajesh Gajanan Lele; and Shri Satya Brata Bose; **Member (Research Workers and Educationists):** Dr. Bimlesh Mann and Dr. Suresh Kumar Kanawjia; **Member (Professional and Planner Category):** Shri Sanjeev Sinha and Shri B.V.K. Reddy; **Member (Milk Producers):** Shri Chetan Arun Narake and Mrs. Sunita Sharma; **Member (Dairy Industry):** Shri Amardeep Singh Chadha and Shri Ajitbhai Joitabhai Patel.

## IDA (WZ) Organized a National Seminar on Dairy Development in Goa

The National Seminar on "**Dairy Development in Goa - Opportunities and Challenges**", was held during November 7-8, 2025, at the NIO Auditorium, North Goa. Organized by the IDA (West Zone) in association with Goa Dairy; SUMUL Dairy; and the Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Goa; the two-day seminar brought together more than 525 participants,



including farmers from Goa, SUMUL, Gokul, and Govind Dairies, officials from the Government of Goa, industry experts, and professionals from across the dairy sector.

The **Inaugural session** was presided over by Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, Government of Goa, Shri Nilanth R. Halarnkar, along with senior officials including Shri Yatindra Maralkar, Secretary (Cooperation), and Shri Ashutosh Apte, Registrar of Cooperative Societies. In his welcome address, Dr. J.B. Prajapati, Chairman, IDA (WZ), expressed gratitude to the Government of Goa for its support and highlighted the need to strengthen dairy development in the state. He urged farmers to leverage IDA's training opportunities, tap into Goa's thriving tourism economy, and enhance milk production to achieve greater self-sufficiency in dairy products. He also emphasized sustainable practices, methane reduction, and productivity enhancement.

The President of IDA Dr. R.S. Sodhi, in his address, focused on bringing "smiles to the faces of cattle rearers" by making dairying more profitable for farmers and attractive to future generations. He stressed that growth in the dairy industry depends on farmers, consumers, and policymakers working together. He called for better breed improvement, reduced NECO cases, improved feed conversion efficiency, and greater investments in dairy processing to ensure farmers have stable markets for increased production.

A special message was delivered by Shri Arun Purohit, MD, SUMUL, who discussed integrating Goan farmers into new initiatives, while Minister Shri Halarnkar highlighted the need for technology adoption, enhanced training, and strengthening cooperatives for Goa's dairy growth.

The inaugural session also featured the **IDA (WZ) Women Farmer Awards**, recognizing exceptional women dairy farmers from Goa, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh for their exemplary milk contributions and



modern farming practices. Awards were presented by the Hon'ble Minister, Shri Nilanth R. Halarikar. The award consists of a citation, shawl, memento, and a cash prize of Rs. 20,000/- for the winner and Rs. 10,000/- for the runner-up.

A **Special Award** of Rs. 25,000/-, along with a shawl and memento, was presented by Goa Dairy to Shri Kushali Savant, a 103-year-old farmer.

The seminar's technical sessions covered a range of topics relevant to farmers, cooperatives, and dairy professionals. The **First Session** was chaired by Shri Madhav Sahakari Ex-Chairman, Goa Dairy & Ex Vice Chairman IDA (WZ) IDA. The session focused on milk productivity, animal health, and supportive government policies. Experts including Dr. Jadhav and Dr. Nilesh Nayee emphasized scientific breeding, balanced feeding, heat detection, genomic selection, and IVF technologies. Ms. Sinjini Guha highlighted circular economy opportunities through biogas, bio-slurry, and waste-to-energy systems, while Shri Abhishek shared insights on the upcoming Dairy Industry Conference in New Delhi.

The **Second Session**, chaired by Shri Parag Nagarsenkar, Chairman, Goa Dairy, emphasized smart dairy farming, feed and fodder management, climate resilience, and sustainable practices suited to Goa's tropical environment. Speakers of the session – Dr. Sant, Shri Ghosh, Dr. Juneja, Dr. Parag Ghogale and Dr. Dayavardhan – addressed profitability enhancement, fodder shortages, balanced nutrition, animal selection for productivity, and ethno-veterinary approaches that reduce antimicrobial resistance.

Second day of the Seminar commenced with a **Third Session** on processing, marketing, and innovations. It was chaired by Dr. Jayant Khadse, Vice President BAIF Pune. Speakers – Shri Hiral Shah, Ms. Richie, Shri Anil Hatekar, Ms. Swaroopa Naik and Shri Santosh Upadhyay – explored value addition, traceability, quality assurance, local brand development, and disease

prevention. Experts stressed the need for strong local brands, clean milk production, and wider adoption of modern technologies to increase consumer trust and industry competitiveness.

The **Fourth Session** was chaired by Dr. Praveen Kumar, Director, ICAR-CCARI, Goa. This session highlighted dairy's contribution to nutrition, public health, and livelihood improvement. Dr. J.B. Prajapati underscored the nutritional importance of milk in preventing lifestyle diseases. Dr. Aparnathi shared details about the importance of milk in human nutrition and why it should not be ignored.

Dr. Jadhav discussed about the training needs for farmers and managers, the need for Cadre of AI Technician Development for breeding work, Pashusakhi for extension work and input supply, innovative / progressive farmers exposure visits, Capacity building and awareness generation through training on management, Breeding, feeding and housing and disease management. Dr. R.B. Dhuri, discussed the importance of green and sustainable dairy production in Goa.

Shri Vishal Kuyate, DeLaval India, spoke about Future - Smart & Digital Farming, that Cow Centric Design & Planning is very important for cow friendly & smooth operations, Use of Big Data & Automation at dairy farm would be the basic necessity for future growth.

The **Valedictory Session** summarized the seminar's outcomes, emphasizing the need for improved farmer training, investment in dairy infrastructure, and stronger collaboration among cooperatives, government agencies, and private enterprises.

Based on the deliberations during the two-day National Seminar, the following **key recommendations** emerged:

- There is a need to strengthen farmers training on modern animal husbandry practices including breed improvement, veterinary care, feed and fodder. Field demonstrations and model demonstration farms are required to be established at strategic locations.

- Promote Fodder Development by encouraging cultivation of high-yielding green fodder crops and community silage projects. Use of forest land, shadow areas of coconut and areca palm gardens should be used for green fodder farming. Technology for growing fodder in vertical farms can also be adopted to meet the requirement of fodder in the state.
- Support/subsidize manure management, waste-to-energy initiatives, and carbon footprint reduction under the circular economy framework. This will give supplementary income to farmers and make the business sustainable.
- Encourage Milk Processing and Value Addition, strengthen local processing infrastructure and promote new dairy enterprises for value-added products such as curd, paneer, ghee, and flavoured milk.
- Introduce startup schemes for young entrepreneurs in the dairy value chain.
- Policy and Institutional Support, simplify access to government schemes and credit facilities for small and medium dairy farmers.
- Nutrition and Public Health Promotion, Promote awareness on the nutritional importance of milk and dairy products in public health and school nutrition programs. Encourage consumption of locally produced milk and dairy products to support farmers and improve community health.
- Promote brand of local Goan dairy products. The tourism economy of Goa will complement the local production and will make Goa and its milk producers independent, sustainable and free from outside competition.

Dr. J.B. Prajapati, Chairman IDA (WZ) concluded the event by thanking the Hon'ble CM Shri Promod Sawant; Department of A&H, Cooperation & Government of Goa; farmers; sponsors; speakers; and delegates for making the seminar a resounding success.

## IDA Karnataka State Chapter Observes World Food Day at Kalaburagi

The IDA Karnataka State Chapter commemorated World Food Day on 29 October 2025 at Dairy Science College, Mahagaon Cross, Kalaburagi, bringing together academicians, industry experts, and students to deliberate on the growing significance of sustainable and nutritious food systems.

The programme was graced by the

Chief Guest Dr. M.M. Dhanoji, Retired Dean, College of Agriculture, UAS Raichur, who underscored the need for individuals to make informed and responsible food choices to ensure long-term health and well-being.

Dr. Panduranga Patil, Managing Director, Gulbarga-Bidar-Yadgir Milk Union, highlighted the vital role of milk and dairy products in strengthening the food chain and enhancing nutritional security. Dr. Rajappa, Joint Director, KMF Training Centre, Kalaburagi, also addressed the gathering, emphasizing current challenges and opportunities in the food sector.

Executive Committee Members of the IDA Karnataka State Chapter (KSC) - Shri N.B. Marate (Chairman), Shri S.S. Hiremath, Vice-Chairman, KSC and Shri Vijayendra Deshpande, Secretary, KSC - presented their views on various dimensions of food and nutrition, drawing attention to the need for collaborative efforts between academia and industry.

Dr. Manjunatha H, Dean, Dairy Science College, spoke about the importance of food security, safety, and quality as essential pillars for public health and sustainable nutrition.

As part of the observance, a quiz competition on food and nutrition was organized for students. Coordinated by faculty members and life members of IDA, including





Dr. Adarsh M. Kalla and Ms. Basavabharathi, the event saw enthusiastic participation. Winners were recognized with cash prizes.

The programme began with a welcome address by Shri Akshaykumar, and concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Devaraju R., Treasurer, KSC, marking a meaningful and insightful celebration of World Food Day.

## NATIONAL News

### Prestigious National Gopal Ratna Awards 2025 Announced

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has announced the winners of the National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA) 2025. The NGRA is one of the highest national honours in the livestock and dairy sector.

These awards will be conferred by Union Minister, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (MoFAHD) and Ministry of Panchayati Raj Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh. Minister of State, MoFAHD Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel and Shri George Kurian will also grace the occasion.

These awards will be presented on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 as part of the National Milk Day celebrations. This year, a total of 2,081 applications were received out of which the awardees were selected. Details of Winners in each category are as under:

#### Best Dairy Farmer Rearing Indigenous Cattle/ Buffalo Breeds

##### Non-NER:

- 1st Shri Aravind Yashavant Patil, Kolhapur, Maharashtra.
- 2nd Dr. Kankanala Krishna Reddy, Hyderabad, Telangana.
- 3rd Shri Harshit Jhuria, Sikar, Rajasthan.
- 3rd Kumari Shraddha Satyawar Dhavan, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra.

##### NER/Himalayan:

Smt. Vijay Lata, Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh.  
Shri Pradeep Pangariya, Champawat, Uttarakhand.

#### Best Dairy Cooperative Society/Milk Producer Company/ Dairy Farmer Producer Organization

##### Non-NER:

- 1st Meenan Gadi Ksheerolpadaka Sahakarana Sangham Ltd, Wayanad, Kerala.
- 2nd Kunnamkattupathy Ksheerolpadaka Sahakarana Samgham, Palakkad, Kerala.
- 2nd Ghinai Dugdh Utpadak Sahkari Samiti, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- 3rd TYSPL 37 Sendurai Milk Producers Cooperative Society Ltd, Ariyalur, Tamil Nadu.

##### NER/Himalayan:

Kulha Duud Udpadhak Sahkari Samiti, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand.

#### Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT)

##### Non-NER:

- 1st Shri Dillip Kumar Pradhan, Anugul, Odisha.
- 2nd Shri Vikas Kumar, Hanumangarh, Rajasthan.
- 3rd Mrs. Anuradha Chakali, Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh.

##### NER/ Himalayan:

Shri Deluwar Hasan, Barpeta, Assam.

NGRA 2025 will consist of a Certificate of merit, a memento and monetary prize in first two categories *i.e.* Best Dairy Farmer and Best DCS/FPO/MPCs as under:  
Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupee five lakh only) -1st rank  
Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupee three lakh only) -2nd rank  
Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupee two lakh only) -3rd rank  
Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupee two lakh only) - S p e c i a l Award for North Eastern Region (NER)/Himalayan States.

In case of Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT) category, National Gopal Ratna Award-2025 will consist of a Certificate of merit and a memento only. No cash prize will be provided in Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT) Category.

NGRA was launched in December 2014, the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) focuses on the scientific conservation and development of indigenous bovine breeds. Since 2021, the Department has been conferring the National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA) annually to encourage milk-producing farmers, dairy cooperative societies/MPCs/FPOs, and Artificial Insemination Technicians (AITs).



## Website Launch and Second Announcement of Southern Dairy and Food Conclave, SDFC-2026, Kerala

The Indian Dairy Association-Kerala Chapter (Website: [www.ida-sdfckerala.com](http://www.ida-sdfckerala.com)) proudly announces the **Southern Dairy and Food Conclave 2026** (SDFC-2026), the second edition of the Southern Dairy Summit, to be held from January 8-10, 2026, at the Calicut Trade Centre, Kozhikode. Centered on the powerful theme "**Transforming Dairy and Food Systems for Global Health**," SDFC-2026 brings together industry leaders, innovators, researchers, entrepreneurs, and farmers for three dynamic days featuring cutting-edge scientific and techno-commercial sessions, youth and startup showcases, research presentations, interactive farmer forums, and a vibrant exhibition of the latest in dairy and food products and technologies. The event will also host the inspiring "**Padma Talk**" to celebrate Dr. Verghese Kurien's legendary contributions. SDFC-2026 promises to be a landmark platform shaping the future of the

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### Registration Details

Categories	Early Bird registration November 30 (Rupees)	Late From December 1 (Rupees)	On spot Registration (Rupees)
IDA Non Member	4000	5000	8000
IDA Member	3000	4000	5000
Farmers/Students/ IDA Senior Citizens (>60 Years)	2000	3000	4000
One day Registration for UG and PG students only for pre-conference Day	1200		

**Note:**

- The fees are inclusive of GST @18%. GST No. 32AAAT10442A2ZL
  - Fellows / Patrons / Dr. Kurien awardees are exempted from payment of registration fee. Early bird discount up to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025.
- Those who intend to register are advised to complete the process at the earliest.  
Students will have to upload/produce a certificate from college/ID card, while Sr. Citizens may upload / produce an Aadhar card / Proof of Date of Birth.

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## India's Nitara Wins Global Recognition at IDF Dairy Innovation Awards 2025

India's dairy-tech startup Nitara has earned international acclaim by winning the prestigious International Dairy Federation (IDF) Dairy Innovation Award 2025 in the category of **"Innovation in Socio-Economic Sustainability in Farming."** The award was presented during the IDF World Dairy Summit held on October 21, 2025, in Santiago, Chile, where global leaders from the dairy sector gathered to celebrate pioneering contributions shaping the future of the industry.

The 2025 edition of the IDF Awards attracted more than 130 entries from across the world, underscoring the sector's strong commitment to innovation, environmental responsibility, and sustainable growth. Participants included major global organizations such as Nestlé, Friesland Campina, and Dairyboard Zimbabwe. For India, the event brought double pride as both Nitara and Bharat Sanjeevani emerged as winners, reaffirming the country's rising influence in global dairy innovation.

Nitara's recognition stems from its transformative approach to dairy advisory services through digital technology. The platform leverages AI-driven health assessments, digital record-keeping, and localized advisory tools tailored specifically for smallholder farmers. Its offline-first mobile application ensures seamless access in low-connectivity rural regions, with multilingual interfaces designed to enhance usability and inclusivity.

By integrating farmers, veterinarians, AI technicians, and dairy cooperatives into a unified digital ecosystem, Nitara addresses longstanding information gaps in animal health, nutrition, and breeding. The platform enables farmers to make informed, data-backed decisions related to feeding, disease prevention, and reproductive management - resulting in healthier cattle and improved economic stability. Currently, more than 20,000 farmers across multiple Indian states rely on Nitara for tracking



**Dr. Meenesh Shah, Chairman, NDDB & Board Member, IDF, along with Dr. C.P. Devanand, MD, NDDB Dairy Services accepted the award on behalf of Nitara**

milk yields, receiving timely vaccination alerts, and accessing expert veterinary support.

The IDF honored Nitara for its substantial contribution to socio-economic sustainability - a critical domain for India, where millions of rural households depend on dairying for income. Nitara's digital tools democratize access to advanced dairy management practices, ensuring that even small and marginal farmers benefit from precision technologies traditionally limited to large-scale operations. This aligns closely with India's broader goals of digital empowerment, sustainable dairy development, and inclusive growth.

Nitara's achievement stands as a milestone not only for the company but for India's expanding agricultural technology landscape. It highlights the nation's ability to develop scalable, farmer-centric innovations that address pressing global challenges of sustainability, productivity, and livelihood enhancement. As the world's largest milk producer, India's success at the IDF Dairy Innovation Awards 2025 further reinforces its leadership and innovation potential in shaping the future of global dairying.



## Amul Plans to Export Dairy Products to Israel Soon

Amul through GCMF is preparing to expand its exports to Israel significantly. Currently, it exports ghee, but Managing Director Shri Jayen Mehta confirmed that the cooperative plans to ship a broader dairy portfolio soon, targeting not just the





Indian diaspora but also the local Israeli market.

To make deeper inroads, Amul is seeking Kosher certification, a crucial step required to appeal to the mainstream Jewish market in Israel. Shri Mehta noted that meeting Kosher standards will help Amul address not only the Indian community in Israel but also local consumers.

Beyond exports, Amul sees strategic long-term gains in collaborating with Israeli firms. Shri Mehta, who was in Israel as part of a 60-member business delegation with India's Commerce Minister, said Amul is exploring technology partnerships with Israeli companies to boost cattle productivity. He highlighted Israel's proven expertise in animal feeding, nutrition, and management, which could help Amul improve productivity, especially in arid regions back in India.

Amul's export ambitions are not entirely new: according to its export portfolio, the cooperative already ships a wide variety of products - including UHT milk, butter, cheese, ghee, paneer, and milk powders - to multiple countries.

This push comes at a time when Amul is ramping up its global ambitions. In its recent AGM, GCMMF said its processing capacity has grown significantly in recent years, and it plans to further scale up as it expands both its domestic and international footprint.

according to Milma's veterinary team, help reduce the cost of treatment for farmers and lower the risk of antibiotic residues in milk, which is a key concern in dairy farming.

The medicines are manufactured in Kerala under a licence from the state's Drug Control Department, in partnership with a local Ayurveda firm. Milma says that this move is part of a larger strategy to promote animal healthcare through traditional, low-cost, and sustainable practices - while strengthening farmers' incomes and ensuring safer milk.

Dr. M.N. Balakrishnan Nair, a leading researcher in ethno-veterinary science, has long advocated for EVP (Ethno-Veterinary Practices) for managing mastitis. His training programs have covered over 30,000 farmers across India, including in Kerala.

Independent scientific studies also back the approach. For instance, a peer-reviewed article has shown that a polyherbal mixture (including Aloe vera and turmeric) used as an adjunct therapy can help treat mastitis and reduce antibiotic use.

This development could be a game changer for Kerala's dairy industry: by validating cost-effective and lower-risk treatments, it offers a sustainable alternative to traditional antibiotic-based therapies, and aligns with global efforts to combat antimicrobial resistance.

## Kerala Validates Herbal Treatment for Mastitis in Cattle

Researchers in Kerala have gained scientific validation for ethno-veterinary medicines to treat mastitis in dairy cattle, according to reports. The effort was led by the Milma cooperative (Kerala Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation), which launched eight herbal formulations after five years of research.

Among those formulations is Masticure, specifically designed to target mastitis. These herbal medicines,

## NDDB Dairy Services Begins Work on 250 MTPD Cattle Feed Plant in Nagpur; New MPO Office Inaugurated

The foundation stone for a 250 metric tonnes per day (MTPD) cattle feed plant of NDDB Dairy Services, a wholly owned subsidiary of the NDDB, was virtually laid by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, and Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture &



Farmers' Welfare. The ceremony took place in the presence of Dr. Meenesh Shah, Chairman, NDDB and NDDB Dairy Services, during the Agrovision event in Nagpur.

Following the virtual ceremony, Dr. Meenesh Shah performed the *bhoomi poojan* at the plant site located in MIDC Butibori, Nagpur. He was joined by Dr C.P. Devanand, Managing Director, NDDB Dairy Services, and Shri Raghu Mallegowda, Executive Director, NDDB Dairy Services.



The upcoming plant, designed for future expansion to 500 MTPD, will include a 12 TPD mineral mixture unit and state-of-the-art automation. The facility aims to supply high-quality cattle feed to dairy farmers across Vidarbha, Marathwada and neighbouring regions, ensuring consistency, reducing reliance on private feed sources and boosting farm-level productivity.

The project is expected to benefit more than one lakh dairy farmers associated with the Marathvarhad Milk Producer Organisation (MPO) and Indujaa, strengthening access to quality feed ingredients and creating a robust, farmer-centric dairy ecosystem in Maharashtra. NDDB considers the initiative a significant step in building cooperative-led infrastructure to support rural livelihoods.

In another major development, Dr. Meenesh Shah inaugurated the new office building of Marathvarhad MPO in Nagpur. The event was attended by Smt. Varsha Chauhan, Chairperson, Marathvarhad MPO; Dr. C.P. Devanand; Shri J.T. Chary, Deputy Managing Director, Mother Dairy; Dr. Shivkumar Patil, Chief Executive, Marathvarhad MPO; and senior representatives from NDDB, Mother Dairy and NDDB Dairy Services.

Dr. Shah interacted with the Board of Directors of the MPO and presented employee recognition awards. In his address, he lauded the region's producer organisations for their steady progress and emphasised Nagpur's strategic role for NDDB, NDDB Dairy Services and Mother Dairy. He also recalled NDDB's long-

standing support to farmers in the Marathwada and Vidarbha regions, particularly during challenging periods, and reaffirmed the organisation's commitment to improving livelihoods and creating sustainable opportunities.

Highlighting the rise in milk procurement and the establishment of a women-led producer organisation, Dr. Shah shared NDDB's forward-looking plans, including setting up a Mother Dairy unit and expanding cattle development initiatives.

"NDDB will continue working for the welfare of farmers and society. Together, we will soon reach the 10 lakh litre mark," he said.

## Heritage Foods Sets Benchmark in Governance and Accountability



Heritage Foods is emerging as a benchmark for ethical governance in India's rapidly growing food and dairy space, according to a recent

Economic Times report. As consumer scrutiny intensifies, the company's governance practices - centered on transparency, fairness, and farmer welfare - are increasingly seen as a model for responsible business in food.

At the core of Heritage's governance philosophy is a belief that accountability should be embedded across its entire value chain, not just in boardrooms. As Smt. Bhuvaneshwari Nara, Vice Chairperson & Managing Director, puts it: governance is "a foundational principle that shapes every decision, from boardroom strategy to village-level procurement."

Some of the key features of Heritage Foods' governance model are:

**Fast and Transparent Payments:** The company operates on a 10-day payment cycle for farmers, which is notably short in an industry where payment delays are common. Payments are made via direct bank transfer, reducing intermediaries and boosting trust.

**Farmer Empowerment & Inclusion:** Nearly 40% of Heritage's village-level procurement centers are women-led, a deliberate strategy to offer more meaningful economic opportunities in rural areas.

**Digital & Real-Time Support:** Heritage offers a digital platform for veterinary support, giving farmers access to timely animal health assistance.

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**Credit for Farmers:** The company provides about Rs.200 crore in easy-term credit every year to its farmer network.

**Quality & Testing Infrastructure:** Heritage maintains rigorous quality control - it has over 400 quality-assurance professionals who conduct 25+ daily tests across 9,000 procurement centres and 18 processing facilities.

**Capacity for Scale:** The company reports a handling capacity of 2.65 million litres per day, demonstrating its scale in procurement and processing.

**Board & Governance Structure:** Heritage's board structure is designed for independent oversight, with clarity around executive pay, committee structures, and internal controls that exceed statutory norms.

**Sustainability & ESG Commitment:** Its 2024-25 annual report highlights strong ESG practices - including renewable energy deployment (solar + wind), waste management, and social programs for farmer welfare.

**Award-Winning Model:** In 2025, Heritage Foods won the Golden Peacock Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance, a major industry recognition of its "governance-first" philosophy.

Heritage's model shows that in India's food and dairy sector, good governance is not just about compliance - it is a competitive advantage. With 300,000+ farmer-partners, the way Heritage manages its procurement underscores that business growth and social responsibility can go hand in hand.

## FSSAI Bans Disposal of Expired Food Items in Water Bodies and Open Lands

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has issued a strict directive prohibiting the disposal of seized, rejected, or expired food items-along with their packaging-into rivers, lakes, natural water bodies, or open lands. The move follows recent reports of improper dumping of such materials.

In a new advisory on environmentally compliant disposal, FSSAI has instructed state authorities to use approved methods such as authorised incineration, designated sanitary landfills with leachate control, or certified biodegradable waste facilities. Composting and anaerobic digestion have been recommended for organic waste wherever feasible.

The advisory mandates that all

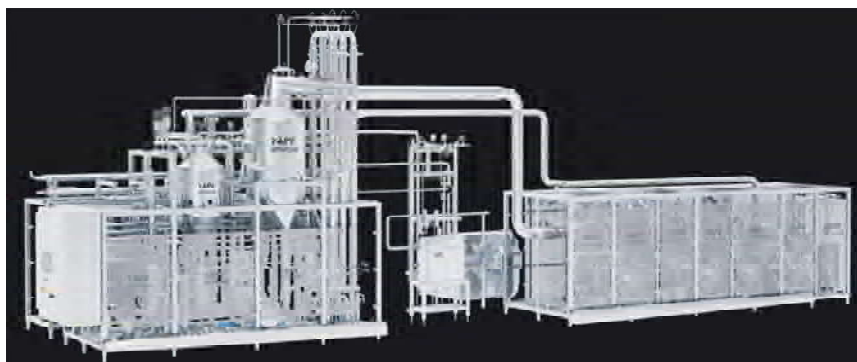
disposals must be supervised by an authorised Food Safety Officer, carried out in the presence of two independent witnesses, and documented through videography. A disposal certificate must be submitted to the Designated Officer, with copies shared with the State Commissioner of Food Safety and the concerned Food Business Operator.

Designated Officers have also been asked to identify suitable disposal facilities and share the list with state authorities. States must coordinate with Pollution Control Boards for high-volume waste handling and submit monthly compliance reports by the 5th of each month.

## Infusion UHT with SteamRecycle™ Sets New Benchmark for Sustainable Thermal Processing

SPX FLOW's APV™ brand has unveiled its latest technological advancement, the Infusion UHT system equipped with SteamRecycle™, a breakthrough designed to significantly enhance sustainability and operational efficiency in dairy, nutritional beverage, and plant-based production. The new system recovers and reuses 100% of the vapour generated during the infusion UHT process, eliminating the need for fresh steam after start-up and marking a major step forward in energy-efficient processing.

The SteamRecycle™ feature substantially reduces environmental impact by capturing all process steam and reusing it through mechanical vapour compression. This innovation can lower carbon dioxide emissions by up to 1,000 tons per year and cut cooling water consumption by as much as 33 cubic meters per hour compared to conventional infusion UHT systems. With a coefficient of performance (COP) close to 4, the system demonstrates exceptional energy efficiency, helping producers reduce both their carbon footprint and operational costs while supporting long-term carbon neutrality goals.



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Despite its strong sustainability focus, the new Infusion UHT system maintains the gentle heating profile and high product quality for which infusion UHT technology is known. Producers can therefore achieve environmental benefits without sacrificing processing performance or end-product excellence.

Designed for versatility, SteamRecycle™ integrates seamlessly with both existing and new APV™ Infusion UHT systems, delivering consistent high-pressure steam of up to five bars. This operational reliability, paired with notable energy savings, enables users to achieve a return on investment within four to five years, depending on local energy prices.

With the launch of the Infusion UHT system featuring SteamRecycle™, SPX FLOW reinforces its commitment to sustainable innovation, offering producers a powerful solution that aligns efficiency, environmental responsibility, and processing quality.

## Enhancing Dairy Processing Efficiency with Advanced Solutions

As the dairy industry continues to demand higher hygiene standards and production efficiency, Russell Finex — a Sustaining member of IDA offers a comprehensive range of innovative processing solutions tailored for modern dairy operations.

From milk filtration to curds and whey separation and milk powder screening, their equipment ensures optimal product quality while minimizing waste and downtime.

The Self-Cleaning Russell Eco Filter® provides continuous, contamination-free milk filtration with its hygienic design and SpiroKlene™ system, eliminating the need for disposable filters. For cheese and butter production, the Russell Fines Saver™ efficiently separates curds from whey, achieving high flow rates up to 100,000 l/hr and maximizing product recovery.



The Self-Cleaning Russell Eco Filter®

Meanwhile, the Russell Compact Sieve® delivers high-capacity, hygienic screening for milk and whey powders, meeting FDA and 3A standards to ensure consistent product quality.

With over 90 years of expertise, Russell Finex continues to support the dairy industry globally with advanced sieving, separation, and filtration technologies-helping processors enhance efficiency, reduce waste, and maintain the highest safety standards.

## Mega Dairy, TGDDCF Achieves ISO 22000:2018 Certification for Food Safety Excellence



The Mega Dairy at Raviryala, operated by the Telangana Dairy Development Cooperative Federation Limited (TGDDCF), has been awarded the ISO 22000:2018 certification, an internationally recognized standard for Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS). This certification marks a significant achievement for the Federation, underscoring its commitment to ensuring the highest levels of hygiene, quality, and safety in milk processing and dairy product handling.

ISO 22000:2018 outlines the requirements necessary to guarantee food safety across the entire supply chain. By meeting these global benchmarks, the Mega Dairy has demonstrated its strong focus on delivering safe and high-quality dairy products to consumers. The certification also highlights the Federation's ongoing efforts to strengthen operational efficiency, enhance hygiene practices, and maintain regulatory compliance at every stage of milk procurement and processing.

The accomplishment reinforces the growing emphasis placed by Telangana Vijaya Dairy on quality assurance and safety within the dairy sector. It not only boosts consumer confidence in the brand but also supports the welfare of rural milk producers who form the backbone of the cooperative network.

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The announcement was made in the presence of TGDDCF Chairman Sri Gutha Amith Reddy; Managing Director Sri K. Chandrashekhara Reddy, IAS; Chief of Quality Control H. Kavitha; General Manager of Mega Dairy E. Mallaiah; GM (Production) V. Mallikarjun Rao; and GM (P&I) Madhusudhan Rao, who collectively acknowledged the dedicated efforts of the team in achieving this milestone.

With the ISO 22000:2018 certification, the Mega Dairy at Raviryala continues to position itself as a leader in safe, efficient, and consumer-focused dairy processing in Telangana.

## INTERNATIONAL News

### International Dairy Market: USDA

As per the USDA between November 10-21, 2025, international market overview are as follows:

#### EUROPEAN

##### Western European

European dairy groups continue to push for deeper structural reforms as producers say margins remain tight and operational costs are not easing. Contacts report more farms are leaving the sector, raising concerns about long-term production capacity. Sentiment suggests continued volatility and further consolidation across the market.

Bluetongue activity in Great Britain continues to climb, with roughly 200 confirmed cases so far this season—nearly all reported in England and a smaller cluster noted in Wales. No detections have been reported in Scotland. Recent confirmations include new BTV-3 cases in sheep and cattle across Devon, Cornwall, Herefordshire, Somerset, and the Isle of Wight, with several animals also testing positive for BTV-8 during routine surveillance. Most reports stem from clinical signs such as fever, drooling, crusting around the nose, and poor appetite. Authorities continue active monitoring as scattered detections persist across southern and western regions.

##### Eastern Europe

Ukrainian dairy groups warn that proposed deep cuts to raw milk prices would push many farms out of production at a time when the sector is already strained by weak demand, war disruptions, and limited export competitiveness. New EU trade rules are bringing in cheaper European butter and cheese, further pressuring local margins. Producer organizations are urging officials to take measures to stabilize the market.

## OCEANIA DAIRY MARKET

### New Zealand

Milk production data from New Zealand for October 2025 were recently released. These data show total October 2025 production was 3.13 million metric tons, up 1.7 percent compared to a year earlier. During October 2025, total milk solids production increased by 2.8 percent from the previous year to 268.7 million kilograms. On a milk solids basis, this was the third largest month on record for New Zealand milk collections. The continued growth in milk production is being attributed to feed inputs, especially palm kernel extract, imports of which grew substantially this year. Pasture conditions have also been favorable in the South Island, though the North Island is seeing poor pasture growth. From the start of the production season in June 2025 through October 2025, milk production on a tonnage basis is up by 2.3 percent compared to the same time period a year ago, while milk solids production is up 3.4 percent from last year. Additionally, the last full 12-month period established a new record for milk solids production at 1.96 billion kilograms.

Following Global Dairy Trade (GDT) event 392, a group in New Zealand that forecasts milk prices decreased their milk price forecast for the 2025/2026 season by 19 cents from \$9.68 per kilogram milk solids (kgMS) to \$9.49/kgMS. The spot value of milk decreased to \$9.41/kgMS from \$9.53/kgMS. Downward price pressure at GDT event 392 led to a slight decrease in the price forecast.

The Chinese government, in partnership with New Zealand officials, announced a formal definition for grass-fed dairy products at the Chinese International Import Expo. The new standard requires dairy products to be sourced from cows that graze pasture or forage crops at least 340 days a year for at least eight hours a day, and whose diet consists of at least 90 percent grass-fed feed types. New Zealand exports are expected to benefit from this standard, as a significant share of New Zealand milk is produced under conditions that meet the standard.

### Australia

Dairy Australia recently released export data for Australia showing milk export volumes from July - September 2025 totaled 40,077 metric tons, an increase of 12.3 percent compared to export volume totals from July - September 2024.

Dairy Australia recently released data on packaged milk sales. In August 2025, milk sales totaled 201.8 million liters, down 2.4 million liters (down 1.2 percent)

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year over year. August sales decreased year over year in New South Wales (down 2.6 percent), Victoria (down 0.5 percent), Queensland (down 1.2 percent), Western Australia (down 1.0 percent), and Tasmania (down 2.2 percent). The only Australian state with year-over-year growth in sales was South Australia (up 1.3 percent). Packaged milk sales year-to-date in Australia's 2025/2026 season total 406.3 million liters, down 4.6 million liters (down 1.1 percent) season over season. Compared to the 2024/2025 season, year-to-date sales in the 2025/2026 season increased in South Australia (up 1.3 percent) and Western Australia (up 0.5 percent) but decreased in New South Wales (down 2.0 percent), Victoria (down 1.2 percent), Queensland (down 1.6 percent), and Tasmania (down 2.0 percent).

The October 2025 Production Inputs Monitor Report was recently released by Dairy Australia. Rainfall totals in most of Victoria, Australia's largest milk-producing region, and parts of South Australia were in line with historical trends. However, drier conditions persisted in New South Wales and southern portions of Western Australia, with soil-moisture levels decreasing month over month. Water-storage levels at many sites were similar to year-ago levels but remain well below their five-year averages. Water prices increased in October in response to these lower levels. Fertilizer prices were mixed; both urea and diammonium phosphate prices fell in October, while potash prices increased due to demand from buyers in the northern hemisphere. October culling rates fell modestly from September, though average cull prices were relatively steady and remain significantly above year-ago levels.

### **SOUTH AMERICA DAIRY MARKET**

Latin America's Southern Cone dairy sector (Argentina, Chile, Uruguay) is in a clear expansion phase, with milk deliveries running well ahead of last year's levels. Brazil is also seeing stronger collections, particularly in recent months, reinforcing the broader regional growth theme.

Trade flows tell a similar story. Argentina and Uruguay are exporting more milk powder overall. Brazil's role on the import side is evolving, with its dairy imports shifting in composition. Skim milk powder imports have increased year over year while whole milk powder and cheese imports have decreased.

Month-to-month figures, however, underscore the region's volatility. Production remains comfortably above year-earlier levels, but farm-gate milk prices are under pressure, with only small gains in some markets and outright declines in others. Powder exports swing sharply from month to month, and Brazil's import profile can pivot quickly between WMP, SMP, and cheese, even when the annual story looks steadier.

## **IFF Dairy Trends Report 2026 Highlights Consumer Shift to Considered Consumption**

A new IFF report reveals key consumer dairy trends, showing rising demand for sustainable, nutrient-dense products as purchasing shifts toward purpose and wellbeing.

IFF has unveiled its 2026 Dairy Trends Report, highlighting a decisive market shift towards considered consumption and holistic health as consumers, particularly younger demographics, redefine what value means for dairy. The report shows that consumers are turning to dairy as a sustainable, nutrient-rich choice, even amid ongoing economic pressures.

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The global ingredients leader says food professionals should prepare for a "health versus happiness" reset, as the boundaries between wellness, indulgence and environmental care blur.

"We're witnessing the end of the 'health versus happiness' trade-off in the dairy aisle. The consumer's desire for holistic well-being now extends beyond personal health to that of the planet," said Richard Neish, Director, CI Trend Intelligence at IFF Taste. "This shift toward ethical consumption means a product's purpose and its impact on surrounding ecosystems are just as crucial as its nutritional benefits. The brands that will lead the future are those that prove a product can be a treat for the soul, precisely because it's rooted in transparent, sustainable practices."

IFF identifies five trends set to shape the dairy market in 2026: Considered Consumption, Wholistic Health, Joyful Harmony, Regenerative Resilience and Human + AI collaboration. Together, they signal a shift from price-led decisions to more purpose-driven choices.

### **Five key trends**

Considered Consumption is emerging as the dominant force. IFF reports rising demand for multifunctional dairy products that align with social and environmental values. With 56 percent of Chinese consumers viewing yoghurt as a gut-health aid and 32 percent of Brazilians using it to replace protein supplements, dairy's functional and versatile positioning continues to strengthen.

The report also highlights rising interest in Wholistic Health, a 360-degree approach to physical and emotional wellbeing. With protein fortification and probiotics now baseline expectations, IFF identifies the

rapid uptake of GLP-1 weight-loss drugs as a major disruptor. As users experience reduced appetites, demand is increasing for compact, nutrient-dense formats that support satiety and help maintain muscle mass. Yoghurts and cottage cheese are emerging as preferred options, with IFF noting that GLP-1 households consume yoghurt at nearly three times the average rate - underscoring dairy's strengthened role in meeting evolving nutritional needs.

In parallel, consumers are seeking Joyful Harmony through indulgence that does not compromise health. Cheese is singled out as a category with rising emotional appeal, with 45 percent of consumers in China reporting they eat cheese to improve their mood. This is opening opportunities for premium snacking formats, flavoured profiles and playful textures.

Sustainability expectations are also intensifying. Under

the banner of Regenerative Resilience, the report notes a shift from sustainability as damage limitation to regeneration as a proactive restoration strategy. In the United States, 30 percent of Gen Z cheese consumers already seek sustainably produced options, while in the United Kingdom, 37 percent of yoghurt consumers want greater visibility on ingredient origins.

The fifth trend, Human + AI, explores how the industry is negotiating the integration of artificial intelligence into product development. While businesses are accelerating AI-driven innovation, consumers want reassurance that craft, care and human expertise remain central. IFF argues that discreet, ethical AI use can strengthen trust rather than dilute it.

Together, the IFF Dairy Trends Report 2026 points to a dairy sector recalibrating around purpose, performance and transparency as it moves into the new year.

## Global Dairy Price Dip Signals Fresh Pressure

The global dairy marketplace registered a noticeable softening in Event 392 of the GDT auction, held on 18 November 2025. According to secondary data sources, the overall GDT Price Index is estimated to have fallen 3.0% relative to previous event, with a weighted average price around US\$3,678/tonne for the full mix of traded products.

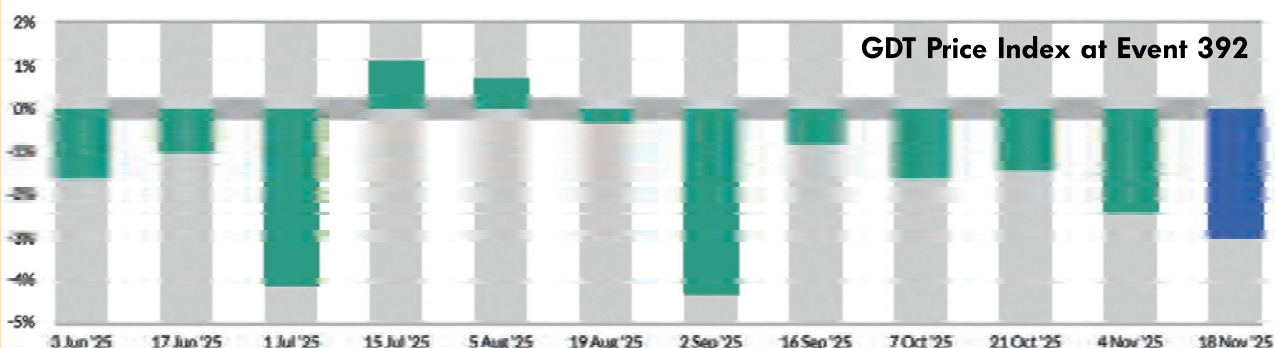
Key product-group declines included: Whole Milk Powder (WMP) down 1.9% to US\$3,452/tonne; Skim Milk Powder (SMP) marginally down 0.6% to US\$2,542/tonne; Butter fell 7.6% to US\$5,886/tonne; and Anhydrous Milk Fat (AMF) declined 5.0% to US\$6,543/tonne. The sold volume for the event reached around 38,612 tonnes, signalling that supply was substantial despite weaker price momentum.

The decline reflects the global oversupply environment, particularly in market-sensitive fat lines, and muted buyer demand amid macroeconomic headwinds. In this environment, butter and AMF show sharper sensitivity to cyclical demand weakness, while SMP remains relatively more supported albeit at a low base.

Event 392 signals rising pressure on India's dairy sector. Falling global prices for powders, butter and AMF could pull domestic commodity prices down, challenging exports and inventory management. India's feed-cost advantage may narrow as reduced global commodity prices limit export premiums, pushing processors to focus more on domestic value-addition. Lower international fat prices may also strain farm-gate rates during the flush season, requiring strong cooperative procurement to protect smallholders.

Export opportunities are set to tighten due to global surpluses and cheaper imports, making diversification into value-added, premium and traceable dairy products strategically important for Indian processors.

Given this environment, processors may focus on value-added products, branded dairy, and export-oriented specialty segments such as fortified powders, goat milk, and A2 milk. Policymakers may need to step in with targeted measures-including procurement support, feed subsidies, or export facilitation-to protect smallholder incomes.



## Global FAO Dairy Prices Fall on Weak Demand, Ample Supply

The FAO Dairy Price Index averaged 142.2 points in October 2025, down 5.0 points (3.4 percent) from September, marking the fourth consecutive monthly decline. Despite this decline, the index remained 2.7 percent above its level a year earlier. All sub-indices dropped - butter fell by 6.5 percent, whole milk powder by 6.0 percent, skim milk powder by 4.0 percent, and cheese by 1.5 percent. The continued decline in the butter price index largely reflected ample export availabilities from European Union and New Zealand, as moderate seasonal temperatures boosted milk production amid weaker import demand from Asia and the Middle East.

Milk powder quotations also fell due to limited demand and strong export competition. The cheese price index declined only slightly, as modest easing in the European Union-where milk supplies remain adequate and export demand subdued-was partly offset by firmer prices in Oceania, supported by solid Asian orders and tighter early-season supplies.

The FAO Dairy Price Index recorded a decline in October 2025, reflecting easing global dairy market conditions. The fall was primarily driven by ample export availability from major producing regions such as the European Union and New Zealand, which increased shipments of butter and whole milk powder into already well-supplied markets. This intensified competition among exporters and led to downward pressure on prices. At the same time, import demand from key buyers in Asia and the Middle East weakened as inventories remained comfortable and purchasing slowed ahead of the winter season. Milk Replacer Feed

Favourable seasonal conditions in major dairy belts further supported steady or higher milk production, adding to global supplies of skim and whole milk powders. According to FAO data, all major product sub-indices slipped during the month - butter by 6.5%, whole milk powder by 6%, skim milk powder by 4%, and cheese by around 1.5%. Together, these movements pulled the overall dairy price index lower for the second consecutive month.

For India, the decline indicates a softer international environment that could compress export margins on fat-based commodities but also relieve cost pressures on imported feed and ingredients. It underscores the need for Indian processors and cooperatives to focus more on value-added and branded dairy exports rather than competing purely on commodity prices in a volatile global market.

## Lactalis Launches GLP-1-Friendly : Ratio Pro-Fiber Yogurt

Lactalis USA, through its Midwest Yogurt division, has unveiled:ratio Pro-Fiber, a first-of-its-kind functional dairy snack designed to support GLP-1 lifestyles. Formulated to deliver 20 g of protein, 10 g of fiber, and zero added sugar per 5.3-oz cup, it bridges a critical nutritional gap in high-protein diets.

Available in four indulgent flavors - Vanilla, Blueberry, Lemon Meringue, and Piña Colada - each cup offers as much fiber as 2.5 cups of cooked oatmeal and three times the protein of a single egg. The recipe uses ultrafiltered milk, whey protein concentrate, soluble corn fiber, and chicory root fiber, sweetened naturally with stevia and zero added sugar.

### Event CALENDAR

#### 52<sup>nd</sup> Dairy Industry Conference

**Date:** 12-13-14 February, 2026

**Venue:** Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, Sec-25, Dwarka, New Delhi

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#### Southern Dairy and Food Conclave 2026

**Date:** 08-10 January, 2026

**Venue:** Kozhikode (Calicut), Kerala

The Indian Dairy Association - Kerala Chapter is pleased to announce the second edition of the Southern Dairy Summit, titled the Southern Dairy and Food Conclave 2026 (SDFC-2026), scheduled to be held from January 8 to 10, 2026, in the historic city of Kozhikode (Calicut), Kerala. The theme of the Conclave is "Transforming Dairy and Food Systems for Global Health".

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