

In 2008, raw milk dairies in Massachusetts sold more than **80,000 gallons of milk** directly to customers.



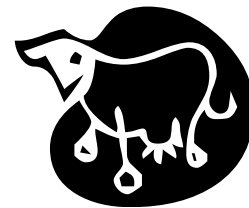
Those sales generated more than **\$600,000 in revenue** for the farms, money that largely stayed in the communities.

*"Selling raw milk is the only way a farmer with limited resources has any chance of running a profitable dairy,"*  
-- Raw Milk Farmer

Farmers who sell milk to processors receive around \$1 per gallon, **not even enough to cover their costs.**

Farmers who sell raw milk to customers receive \$6 or more per gallon, **helping sustain their farms.**

Raw milk dairy farmers steward more than **3,500 acres of Massachusetts farmland**, keeping it open and in active agricultural use, maintaining one of Massachusetts' treasured and dwindling resources.



The number of dairy farms in Massachusetts dropped from 829 in 1980 to 189 in 2007. **The number of raw milk farms in Massachusetts has more than doubled** in just the last several years.