

# Let's Eat Healthy- Explore Dairy

## EDUCATOR OVERVIEW

Welcome to Let's Eat Healthy: Explore Dairy!

Many children only experience food through the grocery store. Reconnecting them to where food comes from can build appreciation for the value of food, grow understanding of the food system, and provide an opportunity to build healthy eating patterns.

**This 5-lesson unit  
takes students on a  
fun adventure of food  
discovery through  
nutrition, agriculture,  
tasting, and culture.**

The unit is most effective when lessons are taught in sequential order. Lessons have flexible components and may be adapted.

Standards Alignment and Rationale for California Common Core, Next Generation Science and Health Education Content Standards. Family Connection may be shared at the start or end of the unit to engage families.



**Explore  
Dairy**  
K - 2nd grade



Thanks to the contributing partners across the Explore Dairy series for K-12th grades. This program aligns with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. For more information and additional resources, visit: <https://DairyCouncilofCA.org>

## Overview

Review background information to help facilitate the lesson.

## Vocabulary

Introduce new words or print vocabulary cards.

## Engage & Explore

Engage students in the educational content through video, discussion, and tasting activities.

## Extend & Connect

Extend learning through additional activities.

### Essential Question:

What are dairy foods and how are they part of a healthy eating pattern?

### Key Words:

- Dairy foods
- Food group
- Nutrient
- Serving

[Glossary of Terms](#)

[Vocabulary Cards](#)

### Watch:

Centennial Farms Video: [Support Local Farms by Eating Milk and Dairy](#)

Watch Time: 3 minutes

[Exploration Questions and Sentence Frames](#)

[Tasting Activity: Three Cheers for Cheese!](#)

### Additional ideas:

- [My Plate Match Game](#)
- [Draw a Family Dish Activity in workbook](#)
- [Social and Emotional Learning Connection](#)
- [Math Connection](#)

### Nutrition Primer

### Essential Question:

What do cows eat to help them make milk?

### Key Words:

- Byproduct
- Cattle
- Chewing the cud
- Digest
- Herbivore
- Mammal
- Ruminant
- Upcycle

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[Vocabulary Cards](#)

### Watch:

["Farm to You"](#)

Watch Time: 7 mins  
Timestamp: (3:27-10:38)

[Exploration Questions and Sentence Frames](#)

### Additional ideas:

- [Mobile Dairy Classroom Assembly](#)
- [Where do foods come from? Activity in workbook](#)

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How does milk get from the farm to you?

**Objective:**

Identify the steps on the journey of milk from the farm to you.

**Nutrition Primer****Key Words:**

- Homogenize
- Pasteurize
- Processing plant
- Transport

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**Watch:**

["Farm to You"](#)

Time: 2 minutes

Timestamp: (10:39-12:19)

[Exploration Questions and Sentence Frames](#)

[Tasting Activity: Milk Master Class](#)

**Additional ideas:**

- [Farm to You Builder Activity Slides](#)  
[English Version](#)  
[Spanish Version](#)
- [Milk from Farm to You Story + Worksheet](#)
- [Farm to You Storytime](#)

**Essential Question:**

How are dairy foods used in different cultures?

**Objective:**

Discuss examples of dairy foods used in different cultures.

**Nutrition Primer****Key Words:**

- 5 senses
- Culture
- Recipe

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[Vocabulary Cards](#)

**Watch:**

["Food Culture and Traditions"](#)

Timestamp (0:00-7:56)

["How Are Dairy Foods Enjoyed Around the World"](#)

Timestamp: (0:00-0:43)

[Exploration Questions and Sentence Frames](#)

**Additional ideas:**

- [Create a Recipe](#)
- Dairy Around the World activity in workbook:  
[English Version](#)  
[Spanish Version](#)

**Essential Question:**

What have you learned about dairy foods and how they are produced?

**Objective:**

Reflect on the essential questions for Lessons 1 to 4 and make a recipe.

**No Key Words****Nutrition Primer****Watch:**

[Reflection Activity](#)

[Tasting Activity: Yogurt, Culture on a Spoon](#)

**Additional ideas:**

- [Math Connection](#)
- [Writing Connection](#)