



# How friendly is your state to agribusiness?

Would your state welcome a new dairy processing plant? Would it encourage you to expand your operation by adding cows or new facilities? Do you currently have easy access to the inputs and services you need to profitably run your dairy business?

Dairy producers probably have a general idea of how well their state would score in these areas, but what

about a neighboring state or the one where your friend lives across the country?

Researchers at Colorado State University recently quantified each state's 'agribusiness friendliness' with a letter grade after collecting data about each state using a scientific survey method. (Read more about the methods and analysis on pages 28-30.)

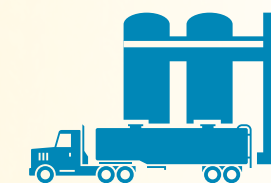
Headed into an election season, this data might be helpful when evaluating candidates and their attitudes toward and plans for agriculture in your state. Will they make your state more friendly or less friendly to agriculture?



## Meats and Livestock Products Index



## Agricultural Inputs Index



## Agriculture Processing Index

### Legend

Overall weighted grade

20 Idaho B

Weighted rank

- Meats & Products C
- Agricultural Inputs C
- Processing B

- Northwest
- Midwest
- Southwest
- East

All states					
State ranking	State	Total weighted grade	Meats & Products	Agricultural Inputs	Processing
1	South Dakota	A	A	A	A
2	Colorado	A	A	A	A
3	New Hampshire	A	B	A	A
4	Wyoming	A	A	B	A
5	Kansas	A	A	A	A
6	North Dakota	A	A	B	B
7	Massachusetts	A	A	A	A
8	Vermont	A	A	A	A
9	Virginia	A	B	A	A
10	Maryland	A	B	B	B
11	Maine	B	B	A	A
12	Ohio	B	A	C	C
13	Wisconsin	B	B	B	B
14	Montana	A	A	D	C
15	Iowa	B	A	B	C
16	Utah	B	C	A	A
17	Alaska	B	B	B	B
18	Texas	B	B	B	B
19	Washington	B	C	B	B
20	Idaho	B	C	C	B
21	Michigan	C	B	C	C
22	Indiana	C	C	C	C
23	Oregon	C	D	A	B
24	Minnesota	C	C	C	C
25	Nebraska	C	C	D	D
26	New Jersey	C	C	C	C
27	Pennsylvania	C	B	D	F
28	Arkansas	C	C	C	D
29	Illinois	C	D	B	D
30	Florida	C	D	C	C
31	Nevada	D	D	B	C
32	Delaware	D	D	D	B
33	Rhode Island	D	D	C	B
34	Missouri	D	D	D	D
35	Connecticut	D	C	F	F
36	North Carolina	D	D	D	D
37	Kentucky	D	C	F	F
38	Oklahoma	D	D	F	D
39	Louisiana	D	F	F	D
40	Arizona	D	F	D	D
41	Georgia	F	F	C	C
42	West Virginia	F	D	D	F
43	Tennessee	F	F	D	D
44	South Carolina	F	F	F	D
45	Hawaii	F	B	F	F
46	New Mexico	F	F	D	F
47	Mississippi	F	F	F	F
48	Alabama	F	F	F	F
49	New York	F	F	F	F
50	California	F	F	F	F

