



Dairy MAX Cooler Program Overview

Dairy MAX works on behalf of 900+ farmers across an eight-state region. Dairy farmers are committed to providing sustainable nutrition that is good for people, animals and the planet. Milk is a simple and inexpensive source of 13 essential nutrients good for all ages and the number one food source for calcium, vitamin D and potassium.

Milk is one of the most requested yet least available items at food pantries. Dairy MAX initiatives align with Feeding America's strategic objective to reduce barriers to providing nutritious foods by assisting with increasing refrigeration capacity. Dairy MAX, along with our farmers, established a cooler program for food banks to receive 64-gallon coolers for select pantries.

Program Requirement & Deliverables

1. Application must be submitted by a Feeding America food bank.
2. Food bank network agrees to utilize cooler for dairy only.
 - Food bank is responsible for providing consistent supply of dairy to pantries awarded a dairy max cooler, with a priority on milk.
 - Dairy can be sourced from USDA programs, donations, purchase or other means. Dairy MAX can be a resource to connect food banks to dairy processors.
3. Pantries must distribute weekly and have significant opportunity to increase dairy distribution to their guests.
4. Food banks and pantries agree to monthly usage reporting.
5. Pantries must have adequate space and electrical capacity:
 - **Cooler size:** 64-gallon (internal volume 23 ft²)
 - **Exterior dimension** (est.): 31" w x 31" d x 78.375" h
 - **Refrigerant:** r290
 - **Amperage:** 2.7 amps
 - **Volts:** 110-120v
 - **Hertz:** 60 Hz
 - **Compressor horsepower:** 1/3 HP



This is a competitive process. Applications will be reviewed and awarded based on funds available and criteria.

Contact us

Contact vanpeltm@dairymax.org to receive a Dairy MAX cooler program application or to get more information about the program.