

# South Dakota Dairy Association Records

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## Collection Summary

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**Title:** South Dakota Dairy Association Records

**Dates:** 1904-1999

**Extent:** 1.0 linear feet (1 record box)

**Creator:** South Dakota Dairy Association

**Language:** English

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## Abstract

The **South Dakota Dairy Association Records** document the organization's efforts to support and promote the state's dairy industry from its founding in 1904 until its 1993 merger with the North Dakota and Minnesota dairy promotion councils to form the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council.

This collection includes administrative records, financial documents, annual reports, meeting minutes, and convention programs, illustrating the association's role in policy advocacy, industry development, and professional networking. It also features governance materials, contest records, regulatory documents, and memorabilia such as medals and photographs.

These records offer valuable insight into the economic impact of dairy farming in South Dakota and the evolution of industry standards, making them an important resource for researchers in agricultural and rural history.

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## History

The **South Dakota Dairy Association**, founded in 1904, played a key role in advancing the state's dairy industry. It promoted dairy farming practices, supported producers, and contributed to the sector's economic impact. The association was governed by a board including a president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, ensuring strategic direction. Since 1976, South Dakota State University has hosted the South Dakota Dairymen's Conference, later renamed the Dairy and Forage Conference. Annual conventions facilitated industry collaboration and policy discussions. In 1993, the association merged with the North Dakota and Minnesota dairy promotion councils to form the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council.

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## Scope and Content

The **South Dakota Dairy Association** records document its role in shaping the state's dairy industry from the early 1900s to the early 2000s. This collection includes ledgers, administrative materials, financial records, and publications that provide insight into the association's governance, advocacy, and industry impact. Annual reports, meeting minutes, and convention programs spanning a century highlight efforts to promote dairy farming practices, support producers, and establish industry standards.

Significant materials include governance documents such as the association's constitution, amendments, and certificate of incorporation, as well as financial records detailing operations and contests. Convention programs from 1911 to 1999, along with reports on industry regulations, illustrate the association's efforts to foster professional development and policy discussions. The collection also includes medals, photographs, and newspaper clippings, offering a connection to the association's legacy.

These materials provide valuable context for understanding the evolution of South Dakota's dairy industry, reflecting broader agricultural trends, economic contributions, and the collaborative efforts that shaped the state's dairy sector.

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## **Access Points**

### **Subjects**

- Dairying
- Dairy products industry
- Agriculture—Societies, etc.

### **Names**

- South Dakota Dairy Association
- South Dakota Dairymen's & Buttermaker's Association

### **Places**

- South Dakota
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## Container List

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1	1	Annual Report - South Dakota Dairymen's' and Buttermaker's' Association	1913-1914
1	2	Annual Report - South Dakota Department of Agriculture	1938
1	3	Annual Report - South Dakota Food and Dairy Commissioner	1904
1	4	Condensed financial statements	1947-1959
1	5	Report on activities	1923-1940
1	6	Clippings	undated
1	7	Medals and die belonging to State Dairy Association	1942
1	8	Photographs	undated
1	9	Corporate Seal of the South Dakota State Dairy Association	undated
1	10	Certificate of Incorporation	1940
1	11	Convention Program: 9th Annual Convention	1911, 1914
1	12	Convention Program: Ice Cream Manufacturers Association of South Dakota - Annual Convention	1923-1925
1	13	Booklet: National Creamery Buttermaker's' Association Booklet	1941
1	14	Rules and Regulations-- Division of Inspections; South Dakota Department of Agriculture	1927
1	15	Convention Program: Dairy Directory and Convention Program - 20th-47th Annual Convention	1926-1952
1	16	Convention Program: Dairy Directory and Convention Program - 48th-72nd Annual Convention	1953-1977
1	17	Convention Program: Dairy Directory and Convention Program - 73rd-94th Annual Convention	1978-1999

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1	18	Taxes	1993-2002
1	19	Members reports and meeting minutes	1992-2006
1	20	Constitution/Amendments: Minutes	1939-1952
1	21	Financial records	1916-1921
1	22	Financial records: Contest critiques	1914
1	23	Minutes: Convention proceedings	1906-1919
1	24	Constitution/Amendments: Financial records	1922-1925