

DAIRY ECOSYSTEMS

Dairy farmers work hard to produce high-quality milk while protecting the environment.

Refer to the article *Dairy and the Environment*, at www.americandairy.com/sustainability/dairy-and-the-environment, to complete this crossword puzzle. Next to each clue, write the paragraph number where you found the answer.

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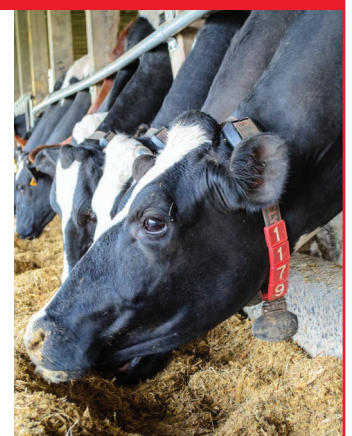
9. The natural world around us (paragraph ____)
11. To use less of a resource (paragraph ____)
12. Person who raises livestock or grows crops (paragraph ____)
13. To keep safe (paragraph ____)
14. A greenhouse gas released by cow manure (paragraph ____)
15. Resource used for energy, such as nonrenewable oil or gas (paragraph ____)
18. Describes a system of producing food or products without harming the environment (paragraph ____)

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1. The flow of money for farms and their neighbors (paragraph ____)
2. The people who live, work, and share a region (paragraph ____)
3. When soil washes or falls away (paragraph ____)
4. To make something usable again (paragraph ____)
5. A critical natural resource that flows in rivers and streams (paragraph ____)
6. Release of gases into the atmosphere (paragraph ____)
7. Producing more with fewer resources or less waste (paragraph ____)
8. An energy source that can be easily replenished (paragraph ____)
10. A balance between the CO₂ that is released and absorbed (paragraph ____)
12. Used to enrich soil to feed plants (paragraph ____)
16. A place where inland streams and rivers meet ocean water (paragraph ____)
17. Milk and milk products (paragraph ____)
19. A piece of earth that can be used for grazing animals or growing crops (paragraph ____)

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Choose one of the links at the bottom of the article to discover more about how dairy farmers are working to protect the environment today and for future generations. On the back of this sheet, write a few sentences about what you learned to share with your classmates.



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