



McCarty-VanTilburg Partnership

FACT SHEET: Building on Mercer County's Rich Agricultural Heritage

We believe our success is dependent upon the communities where we live and operate our farms, and when the community grows and prospers, so do we. Mercer County is the perfect location thanks to its strong agricultural heritage, proximity to our main customer and our shared vision for sustainable modern farming. We are dedicated to our mission of being a partner and neighbor local residents will be proud to support.

Local Roots in Agriculture

Two farm families are working together in this new venture. The VanTilburg family of Celina and the McCarty family of Colby, Kansas have partnered to create a new state-of-the-art dairy. The farm will use cutting-edge, unique, efficient and environmentally friendly operations.

Local Customers

MVP Dairy will be located 18 miles from Dannon's largest U.S. yogurt production facility in Minster, Ohio. All milk from the farm is expected to be supplied to this facility for yogurt production. The dairy's location will ensure a fast "cow-to-cup" process that is expected to result in high-quality, fresh and wholesome yogurt to consumers.

The volume of milk expected to be supplied by the new dairy to Dannon will fulfill a portion of the company's growth needs. This is in addition to the milk already supplied by established local dairies.

Investment in Jobs

The new dairy will require about 35 employees once it becomes operational. This will provide a boost to the local economy since employees will likely reside in and spend their income within Mercer County.

An increase in these new local jobs will also translate to more children in local school districts, resulting in increased housing demand and tax revenues for the county and state.

The dairy will hire the best-qualified applicants for open positions, and encourage local residents to apply for these positions. Hiring is expected to start in the spring of 2018 to allow for adequate time to conduct training and skills development.

Minimizing Impact on Local Roads

We understand concerns associated with increased dairy-related traffic on local roads, and are committed to operating our dairy with minimal impact. The new dairy will be sited adjacent to U.S. Route 33 and State Route 197, only using a 150-yard portion of one township road to access the farm.

We expect the impact of farm-related traffic to be minimal and nearly unnoticeable. According to 2014 Ohio Department of Transportation statistics, vehicle traffic to and from the dairy, is expected to increase traffic by about 1.6 percent (100 vehicles) per day in this area.