

Dairy industry publishes sustainability progress report – January 10, 2011

The Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy has published the first U.S. Dairy Sustainability Commitment Progress Report, a summary of the industry-wide efforts currently underway to increase the economic, environmental and social sustainability of the dairy industry.

Highlights include:

- * The current state of carbon in the U.S. dairy industry and key findings of the first national GHG life cycle assessment, or carbon footprint study, of fluid milk.
- * Milestones achieved in the 10 industry projects to reduce GHG emissions and create business value at various steps in supply chain, such as the reduction of fuel and energy costs at farm and milk processing facilities, as well as in milk hauling and dairy product distribution.
- * Examples of some of the many efforts underway by individual farms and businesses across the industry to measure and improve their environmental footprint. The report is available for download at www.usdairy.com/sustainability.