

EcoCycle

START



The VanTilburgs and the McCartys are stewards of the land through regenerative agricultural practices that support healthy soil as the foundation to a sustainable dairy.



4,165 acres of 100% non-GMO **crops** for the dairy

- Corn Silage
- Corn Grain
- Soybeans



Manure is used as a natural source of nutrients

and organic matter to

build soil health.



3,200 milk cows convert feed to 96 average lbs of milk per day.



Whey, a byproduct of yogurt production, comes back to the dairy to feed cows.



MVP Dairy owners (left to right) Dave McCarty, Luke VanTilburg, Kyle VanTilburg, Matt VanTilburg, Ken McCarty, Clay McCarty, Mike McCarty, as well as general manager Brock Peters.



Raw milk is processed into Dannon yogurts and other dairy products.



Raw milk travels 21 miles from MVP Dairy to the Minster, Ohio, processing plant.





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Danone's Key Performance Indicators





PROTECTING WATER QUALITY

- 11 acres of saturated buffers
-) 131 acres of filter strips
-) 68 acres of wetlands

protect water quality





FOCUSING ON WATER QUANTITY KANSAS AND NEBRASKA



The farm's water conservation efforts **saved**



631.9 million gallons of Ogallala Aquifer ground water total, which equates to **956** Olympic-sized swimming pools.

28 soil moisture probes were in place to improve water use efficiency

FARM LOCATIONS



ASSURING ANIMAL WELFARE

- State of the art facility
- 30 cow brushes
- Validus certified



IMPROVING SOIL

Managed with Soil Sampling and Nutrient Management Plan



COVER CROPS



planted on 93% of crop land

TILLAGE



95% of farmed land uses no-till

CONTRIBUTING TO ECONOMY AND PRODUCTIVITY

- On-site corn grinder to reduce transportation
- **35** employees
- > Efficient 80-stall rotary milker



HONORING BIODIVERSITY

- **8 species of cover crops** including legumes and grasses
- 3 wildlife boxes
- > 204 acres of forest
- Interseeded buffer strips to incorporate pollinator species

REDUCING CARBON & ENERGY

- > Buildings have 100% LED lighting
- Over 400 efficient fans installed
- Manure Management System for efficient land application



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