

IT'S NOVEMBER, and this month we are discovering dairy, a food group that can be a nutritious part of your school meal. Milk is a popular dairy product and it is an

excellent source of calcium and vitamin D. The delicious low-fat or fat-free milk you get at school comes from dairy cows.

FOOD: MilkCATEGORY: DairyREGIONS WITH FRESH SELECTIONS:StatewideDISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF MILK:Refreshing drink usually served cold.



WHAT TO KNOW:

Dairy products help build strong bones so you can grow up healthy and mooove fast. Three daily servings of dairy products are recommended for school age children.

DID YOU KNOW ?:

In an average day a Texas dairy cow will eat about 90 pounds of feed, drink a bathtub full of water and produce 5 to 6 gallons of milk. That's about 80 glasses of milk!

COMING IN DECEMBER: POTATOES

90 lbs. + =

FUN FACT:

Texas dairies produce enough milk to fill the Dallas Cowboys' Stadium **1**½ times.

> Q: What do you call a cow that won't give milk? A: A milk dud!

JOKE:

EXPLORER'S NOTEBOOK:

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and there are lots of ways to make dairy products part of your holiday meal. Low-fat dairy products like yogurt and reduced-fat cheese can be tasty additions to many dishes and a glass of milk tastes great with any meal. A little dairy will go a long way toward making your Thanksgiving meal even more delicious while helping you build strong, healthy teeth and bones!