

Food & Ag Development Center Success Story: Skattum Dairy Receives GTA Grant with the Assistance of FADC

Currently raising a fifth generation in the Paradise Valley, Skattum Dairy is a testament to a multigenerational commitment to providing wholesome food to our local communities. Skattum Dairy is a pasture-based dairy founded in the 1950's. Lily Andersen, an owner-operator, graduated from MSU with degrees in Animal Science and Livestock Management. Lily is committed to producing high-quality milk for the local community. "Last fall, our buyer told us 'I need more Montana milk.' I sat my family down and asked 'what do we need to grow?'

The operation currently milks about 40 cows and the investment from the Growth Through Agriculture award will allow the dairy to increase to 60 head. The award will be used to renovate the dairy's loafing shed and will not only increase stall capacity to accommodate their expanding dairy herd, but will also prioritize enhanced cow comfort, thereby fostering improved production outcomes.

Skattum's recent GTA award will be a strategic investment in the continued success of their business and a vital contribution to the dairy industry in Southwest MT. Prospera's FADC was delighted to work with Skattum on submitting a successful GTA application and will continue to partner with Lily and her family in building for the future!