

The Netherlands' Agricultural Sector

Despite its small size, the Netherlands is one of the world's largest exporters of agricultural produce. With dairy farming and market gardening its main activities, agriculture employs around 5% of the Dutch workforce.

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The population density of the Netherlands is more than three times greater than Indiana, Michigan or Ohio.

Dairy farmers who plan to expand their dairy have found the Midwest attractive because of the openness, land prices, water availability, and consistent supply of quality feed.

	Indiana	Michigan	Ohio	The Netherlands
Population	6,195,643	10,079,985	11,435,798	16,150,511
Land area in Square Miles	35,897	56,804	40,948	16,029
Persons per Square Mile	173	177	279	1,008
Number of Cows	149,000	302,000	260,000	1,500,000
Number of Dairy Farms	2,400	3,000	5,200	22,857

Sources: US Census—2003; CIA—The World Factbook

