

The following are a few of the Dairies operating in Halifax in 1928:

- Farmers Ltd. (*owned by N.S. Farmers and Trust Co.*)
- Ideal Dairy Ltd. (*owned by Fred Walker*)
- Fraser & Casey (*owned by A. Drysdale & Frederick Casey*)
- Army & Navy Dairy (*owned by Ivan Brenton*)
- Oxford Dairy (*owned by Edgar Hamilton*)
- Mulgrave Dairy (*owned by George Burgess*)
- Jersey Dairy (*owned by Gordon D. Casey*)
- Pleasant View Dairy (*owned by Ray S. Isenor*)
- Cunard Dairy (*owned by Hiram Blois*)
- Maple Leaf Dairy (*owned by Alvin Johnson*)
- Westmount Dairy (*owned by Edward Brunt*)
- Guernsey Dairy (*owned by Joe Brinton*)
- Woodlawn Dairy (*owned by Morash Family*)

In 1932, Jersey Dairy – Hunter Street was sold to Rabers Dairy.

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Before 1928 there was a Standard Pure Milk. (A customer called the dairy, but no one had any information on them. The customer had a milk bottle with the name on it.)

At one time there were 30 Dairies in Halifax. Today there are four Dairies in Nova Scotia – Farmers, Scotsburn, Baxters and Cooks.

1934 Halifax Dairies are as follows:

- Army Navy Dairy
- Cunard Dairy
- Deals Dairy
- Economy Dairy
- Farmers Ltd.
- Fraser & Casey
- Guernsey Dairy
- Halifax Dairy
- Ideal Dairy
- Maple Leaf Dairy
- Mulgrave Dairy
- Nova Dairy Ltd.
- Oxford Dairy
- Quinpool Dairy

- Rockingstone Dairy
- Rabers Dairy
- Rosedale Dairy
- Westmount Dairy
- Willow Park Dairy

At one time deliveries were made with a 10 quart can, and they would pour milk into the customers' pitcher.

When they started to use bottles they did not charge for them. Most Dairies had their name on the bottle and cases. Once a month each dairy would exchange milk bottles and cases.

Deliveries were made daily, including Sunday. This was changed to six days a week. On Saturday they would deliver once in the morning and a second time in the afternoon.

The deliveries were changed in the late fifties to Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They were changed again in the seventies to two or three times a week. This was due to improvement in milk processing and at that time everyone had refrigeration.

Fred Hoskins – Waverly Road, Dartmouth was the last to deliver raw milk. He had about twelve customers in his neighborhood till the sixties.

In the fifties and sixties the small dairies started to sell out.

Henneberry Dairy – 305 Agricola Street, Halifax sold their milk in Perger Cartons instead of bottles. This was a cardboard carton, covered with wax. In the fifties Henneberry sold out to Farmers Dairy.

Farmers Dairy sold their buttermilk in cartons. It was a little hard to wash the bottles with buttermilk in them.

Halifax Dairies:

- Westmount Dairy sold to Woodlawn Dairy.
- Oscar Warner – Quinpool Road at Quinn St. sold to J. Brenton. Guernsey Dairy moved to King Street and sold to Farmers Dairy in the late fifties. Joe Brenton worked with Farmers Dairy till he retired.
- Army & Navy Dairy sold to Maple Leaf Dairy and Maple Leaf was the first dairy bought by Twin Cities Dairy.
- Hyland Dairy – Rockingstone Road by Sussex Street owned by Drysdale and sold to Maple Leaf in the fifties.
- Farmers Dairy – Windsor Street – Started by dairy farmers. Sold to Twin Cities Dairy and eventually changed back to Farmers Dairy.

- Halifax Creamers – Brunswick Street owned by the Hart family – Polar Brand Ice Cream sold to Twin Cities Co-Op Dairy in the sixties.
- Oxford Dairy – Oxford Street, Halifax sold to J.D. MacKenzie – Robie Street, Halifax.
- J.D. MacKenzie – Robie Street, Halifax sold to Farmers in the fifties.
- Ideal Dairy – owned by Walker & Innis or Huskins. Walker had a farm on Bayers Road.
- Huskiny – owned Sunnyside-Bedford. Ideal Dairy was sold to J.D. MacKenzie.
- Fraser & Casey sold to Farmers Dairy.
- Scotia Pure Milk sold to Farmers Dairy.

Dartmouth Dairies:

- J.R. Morash & Sons – Pleasant Street
- Community Dairy – Gaston Road owned by Laurie Morash.
- Ben Green's Dairy – Grahams Corner
- Woodlawn Dairy – 1947
- Khun Dairy
- In 1947, most of the above Dairies amalgamated with Woodlawn Dairy. In the sixties Woodlawn sold to Twin Cities dairy.

Provincial Dairies:

- MacKenzies Dairy – Windsor
- MacKenzies Dairy – Middleton

Sold to Twin Cities:

- Fundy Dairy – Truro used Guernsey cow milk only, sold to Twin Cities Dairy in the sixties.
- Meadowvale Dairy – Truro, sold to Twin Cities Dairy.
- Elm Avenue Dairy – Elmsdale, sold to Twin Cities Dairy.
- Lunenburg Dairy – Lunenburg was started by Captain Angus Walters – Bluenose fame. Was bought by Stewart Venough and sold to Farmers.
- Bridgewater Dairy – Bridgewater, sold to Twin Cities Dairy.
- Yarmouth Creamery – Yarmouth, sold to Superior Ice Cream.

Superior bought the following dairies:

- Queens County Dairy – Liverpool
- Shelburne Dairy – Shelburne
- Digby Dairy – Digby
- Meteghan Dairy – Meteghan
- Acadia Dairy – Wolfville
- Port Royal Dairy – Annapolis Royal

- Berwick Dairy – Berwick
- Superior Dairy – Yarmouth, sold to Twin Cities Dairy.
- Jordans Dairy – Kentville, sold to Cooks Dairy – Yarmouth owned and managed by the Cook family.
- Cornwallis Dairy – Kentville, sold to Baxters Dairy.
- Busseys Dairy – Springhill, sold to Baxters Dairy.
- Baxters Dairy – Dartmouth owned by Baxters family – Saint John, New Brunswick.
- Brookfield – Truro Amherst, sold to Scotsburn Dairy.
- Easter Dairy Foods – Antigonish, owned by Scotsburn Dairy.
- Moder City Dairy – Sydney – was part of Easter Dairy too Cape Breton Dairyman – Sydney – and now owned by Scotsburn Dairy.
- McClouds Dairy – Sydney – sold Scotsburn Co-Op – Scotsburn, NS.

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