

Rep. Steineke: Hails Agropur Dairy expansion

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MADISON - State Representative Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) applauded the announcement from Agropur Dairy Cooperative that they will be undertaking a multi-million dollar expansion of their cheese-making facilities in Little Chute and further expanding their footprint right here in the Fox Valley.

“Agropur Dairy Cooperative and Simon’s Cheese has been a valued member of our local community and the statewide dairy industry as a whole for decades,” Steineke said. “Supporting dairy farming families all across our region, it is fantastic to see that they are continuing to grow and invest right here in Wisconsin.”

Under the plan, Agropur will be eligible for \$4.5 million in business tax credits from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to build a new state-of-the-art facility. This will allow Agropur to double their current operations from 300 million pounds of milk per year to 750 million pounds. It is estimated that this will generate more than \$60 million more in increased spending on dairy and create 54 new full-time jobs.

Currently, Agropur is already the largest dairy cooperative in North America, employing around 850 people in plants all across Wisconsin, including La Crosse, Appleton, Little Chute, Weyauwega and Luxemburg.

“Wisconsin has long been the leader in all things dairy, and Agropur’s commitment to its Little Chute expansion will ensure that this is the case for decades to come,” noted Steineke.