Honoring the Harvest is about how we work together to use food with good purpose, so it’s never wasted.

That means ensuring all people have access to nutrient-rich foods and also utilizing parts of food people can’t or won’t eat by moving nutrients through food systems – from people, to animals and back to the land to grow food more sustainably – rather than going to a landfill. We all have a role to support this cycle and build sustainable food systems that benefit people, communities and the planet.

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Here's how the dairy community contributes to a natural nutrient cycle – and you can help, too.

1. **NOURISH PEOPLE**

We need to ensure a variety of nutritious foods, including nutrient-rich dairy foods, are available and affordable to help all people thrive.

Enough food is produced globally to nourish 10 billion people. And yet, food insecurity impacts people in every region, including 1 in 8 Americans.1

Food waste contributes to this discrepancy.

National and international efforts are underway to close this gap, and you can help by reducing your food waste. Find out more at FurtherWithFood.org.

2. **NOURISH ANIMALS**

Just like people have specific nutritional needs, so do dairy cows.

Dairy cows have a unique, 4-chambered stomach, so they can unlock nutrition from parts of plants people can’t or won’t eat. For example, people drink the OJ and cows eat the citrus pulp, and people eat almonds and cows eat the almond hulls.

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3. **NOURISH THE LAND**

Returning nutrients back to the land to replenish the soil completes the cycle.

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