



Dr. Mike McCloskey
Co-Founder and CEO of Select Milk Producers

Mike McCloskey is Co-Founder and CEO of Select Milk Producers, the sixth largest milk cooperative in the country. He is also Chairman of the Board for Fair Oaks Farms, the nation's largest agritourism destination located in Northwest Indiana. Dr. McCloskey's home dairy is Prairie's Edge Dairy Farms, also in Northwest Indiana, which milks 15,000 cows living in free-stall barns and is recognized as being the leading sustainable dairy in the U.S. from many perspectives. Prairie's Edge Dairy Farms harvest their cow manure and through digesters create more than enough electricity to power all of their farms as well as creating bio-based CNG to fuel 42 milk trucks and thus displacing 2 million gallons of diesel use annually. Prairie's Edge Dairy Farms opened one of the largest and most state of the art robotic milking dairy farms in the world in February of 2019.

Dr. McCloskey has been instrumental in creating proprietary value-added dairy products, patented milk processing & dispensing systems which have led to the creation of fairlife, a dairy-based health and wellness company, which is now solely owned by The Coca Cola Company. fairlife's products range from fairlife milk, a higher protein, lower sugar, lactose free milk targeted to families to Core Power, a specially formulated athletic drink to Greek yogurt to food service products. Dr. McCloskey now serves as Chairman of the Board of the fairlife company.

Dr. McCloskey founded and serves as the acting Chairman of Southwest Cheese Company, a joint venture between Glanbia Foods, Dairy Farmers of America and Select Milk Producers. In 2005, Southwest Cheese Company opened a \$230 million cheese plant located in Clovis, New Mexico. It employs 260 people, receives 10 million pounds of milk per day and annually produces 250 million pounds of cheese. It is the largest cheddar cheese plant in the world.

Dr. McCloskey was awarded his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 1976 from the University of Mexico, after which he completed a two year post-doctoral residency in Dairy Production Medicine at the University of California, School of Veterinary Medicine, in Davis, California. He is still the only Resident to have received the Resident of the Year Award for two consecutive years. Mike was also awarded an honorary Doctorate in Business by the Graziadio School of Business at Pepperdine University for his leadership and business acumen.

Dr. McCloskey is a Board Member and Officer of the National Milk Producers Federation, Chairman of the Sustainability Initiative of the Innovation Center of US Dairy, and is the recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award from the University of California, School of Veterinary Medicine.