CAFÉ in Rupert

The Center for Agriculture Food and the Environment (CAFÉ) will be the largest and most advanced Research Dairy. It is located on approximately 640 acres near Rupert, Idaho and have a milking herd of 800-2,000 cows. Research priorities will focus on resource management issues such as:

- Efficient water use
- Water, soil, and air quality
- Nutrient management
- Manure management, including recycling and reuse, bio-refining, anaerobic digestion, energy production

The construction of the Research Dairy will occur in two phases. Phase 1 constructed a 60-cow rotary milking parlor and included cut/fill earthwork activities. Phase 2 will include the calving barn, manure management facilities, feed center, corrals, and the office building. The facility is scheduled to be commissioned by early 2026. Keller Associates is the project manager.

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Figure 1 Image from Lombard Conrad Architects



Figure 2 Proposed Experimental Facilities Image Credit: Keller Associates



Figure 3 Milking Barn Schematic Image credit Keller Associates