

## Dean Foods, America's Largest Milk Producer Files for Bankruptcy



**OPERATION DEAN FOODS MCARTHUR DAIRY FARM VIDEO:** <https://vimeo.com/247188621>  
**OPERATION DEAN FOODS MCARTHUR DAIRY FARM REPORT :** <https://bit.ly/2Xdrs0h>

On Tuesday, November 12, Dean Foods released a statement announcing the company has filed for bankruptcy. Over the last couple of years it has been nothing but downhill for America's largest dairy producer. In 2018, Dean Foods lost around \$326 million while also announcing a plan to close 7 processing plants. Now, after reporting a net loss for seven quarters and with a cancelled November 12 earnings call, Dean Foods amassed a total net debt of about \$968 million.

s

Between August and October of 2017, the Animal Recovery Mission (ARM) conducted Operation Dean Foods MacArthur Dairy in Okeechobee, Florida. The investigation found cows forced to lay in feces covered concrete floors with more than 3 inches of feces on the ground within the holdings areas. Employees were seen torching the cows sensitive udders and striking cows with PVC pipes, provided by the manager in the back, stomach, head and face in order to get the cows to move. The employees would also file down their PVC pipes making a sharpened tip and strike the cows directly in the face. As a result of ARM's investigation, grocery chain giant, FoodLion, ended its relationship with Dean Foods. The investigation also led to the first ever animal abuse conviction in the history of the state of Florida, at a working dairy farm.

The industrial dairy system, along with Dean Foods, has continued to struggle as a whole. ARM's dairy farm investigations have had a strong impact and influence bringing animal abusers to justice and helping to increase public awareness amongst consumers. The industrial dairy system will keep struggling as retailers fall in line with the purchasing power of the consumer who want healthy, Eco-friendly and compassionate sourced products.

Media inquiries should be directed to the Founder of Animal Recovery Mission (ARM), Richard 'Kudo' Couto at (305) 494 2225 [kudo@arminvestigations.org](mailto:kudo@arminvestigations.org) or Margarita Hart at (561) 510-3678 [hart@arminvestigations.org](mailto:hart@arminvestigations.org)

The Animal Recovery Mission is a Non-Profit animal cruelty investigative organization based in Miami Beach, Florida. ARM's mission is to be an uncompromising defending force for the welfare of animals, in addition to putting an end to and preventing pain, suffering, and torture inflicted as a result of inhumane practices. For additional information, photos, and video footage, please visit: <https://www.animalrecoverymission.org>, Animal Recovery Mission (ARM Investigations) PO Box 403344 Miami Beach, FL, 33140