

## Retailers Remove Fairlife Products After Undercover Video Showing Animal Abuse at Fair Oaks Farms

The Animal Recovery Mission called it the "largest undercover dairy investigation in history"

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A northwest Indiana dairy farm has fired four employees seen in a graphic undercover video released Tuesday by an animal welfare organization showing animals being abused. NBC 5's Michelle Relerford reports.

Jewel-Osco and at least two other retailers are removing all Fairlife products from their shelves after an [undercover video was made public](#) this week showing "the inhumane treatment of animals" at Indiana's Fair Oaks Farms.

"At Jewel-Osco we strive to maintain high animal welfare standards across all areas of our business, and work in partnership with our vendors to ensure those standards are upheld," the grocery chain said in a statement Wednesday. "We apologize for any inconvenience."

Family Express also said it would "discontinue all products sold by fairlife, LLC" from its stores.

"The exposé of animal abuse in the Fair Oaks Farm network is chilling. A factor in our decision was the public response by Fair Oaks, asserting the notion that this was an isolated incident," Family Express said in a statement. "This is hardly the response you would expect from an organization that gets it. The minimizing of the graphic animal cruelty offers little assurance of change in a culture that is likely in need of fundamental retooling."

Family Express said it plans to cancel all pending orders of fairlife and replace the line with Organic Valley milk products.

Strack & Van Til also said it will no longer carry Fairlife products in its supermarkets across northwest Indiana, according to the [Northwest Indiana Times](#).

Chicago-based Fairlife, which is owned by Fair Oaks Farms Founder Mike McCloskey, lists Fair Oaks Farms as its flagship. The Indiana farm is currently under fire following the graphic video released by the Animal Recovery Mission showing animals being abused.