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According to the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board,
<http://www.americasdairyland.com/EconomicImpact/Communities.aspx> each dairy cow generates \$34,000 into the economy. These cows support many local communities and the state as a whole. This same economic benefits would also apply to cows in Illinois and Indiana. Other livestock have similar economic benefits to their communities. Livestock is a major business. The GLB project would harm these businesses, and due to this it is inconsistent with public necessity. The GLB route runs through many livestock farms, these farms will have less land to raise livestock on. The livestock they can raise will also suffer decreased product due to the stress of the constant rail traffic. The farming communities will be greatly impacted by the loss of revenue this line will result in, and due to this the line must be denied as being inconsistent with the public necessity. Please note just a loss of 10 cows is a \$340,000 loss to the economy, 100 cows and we lose over 3 million dollars.