

Alpenrose Dairy goes organic

Alpenrose Dairy is adding organic milk to its line of local dairy products.

"We've always believed in giving our customers the freshest, highest-quality dairy products available," said Carl Cadonau Jr. in a statement. "The priority is to keep our milk 100 percent natural and get it to market quickly, so our customers get it the same day it left the farm."

In order for milk to be considered USDA Certified Organic, it must come from cows free of antibiotics or bovine growth hormone treatments. In addition, any grass or feed the cows eat must come from fields that have been free of pesticides or herbicides for at least three years.

Portland-based Alpenrose Dairy, Oregon's oldest family-owned dairy, also does not add rBST hormones.

"Public awareness of hormone additives is growing and we think it's important to let people know that Alpenrose has their health and wellness in mind," Cadonau said.