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Real California Milk Excelerator Included in TIME's America's Best Incubators & Accelerators 2026 List

TRACY, Calif. – August 18, 2026 – The Real California Milk Excelerator program has been awarded on TIME's list of America's Best Incubators & Accelerators 2026. This prestigious award is presented in collaboration with Statista, the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. The award list was announced on August 18th, 2026, and can be viewed on [TIME.com](https://www.time.com).

The America's Best Incubators & Accelerators 2026 ranking awards the top 80 incubators and accelerators across the United States based on three key dimensions:

- **Alumni Evaluations:** Feedback from more than 2,000 founders who participated in incubator and accelerator programs between 2020 and 2025. Alumni rated their overall experience through a general recommendation and assessed six key aspects, including mentoring and training, infrastructure, legal assistance, funding opportunities, networking, and business development advice.
- **Track Record:** An evaluation of each incubator's and accelerator's measurable founder outcomes, based on the top five startups they reported from their programs. These startups were assessed using information provided by the organizations, complemented by Statista's desk research drawing on publicly available sources such as official websites, presentations, and media coverage.
- **Expert Recommendations:** Endorsements from startup investors and seasoned entrepreneurs, who recommended the incubators and accelerators they know and regard most highly.

Based on the results of the study, the Real California Milk Excelerator is honored to be recognized on TIME's list of America's Best Incubators & Accelerators 2026.

Statista publishes hundreds of worldwide industry rankings and company listings with high-profile media partners. This research and analysis service is based on the success of statista.com, the leading data and business intelligence portal that provides statistics, relevant business data, and various market and consumer studies and surveys.

About Real California Milk/California Milk Advisory Board

The California Milk Advisory Board (CMAB), an instrumentality of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, is funded by the state's dairy farm families who lead the nation in sustainable dairy farming practices. With a vision to nourish the world with the wholesome goodness of Real California Milk, the CMAB's programs focus on increasing demand for California's sustainable dairy products in the state, across the U.S. and around the world.

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