

# 2016 Alabama Dairy Facts



## ALABAMA

is home to approximately  
**8,000**  
milk cows

who live on  
**35**  
dairy farms



A typical Alabama dairy farm  
has a herd of about

**229**

milking cows



Each dairy cow in Alabama  
provides an average of



**1,468**  
gallons  
of milk per year

That's an average of

**4.8 gallons of  
milk per day**

That's enough to make  
4.1 pounds of cheese or  
2 pounds of butter each day



The total amount of milk  
produced in the state  
amounted to

**101 million  
pounds**

That's equal to over

**11.7 million  
gallons**



In 2015, a dairy cow in  
Alabama cost about



**\$1,993**

The average value of  
a day's milk per cow  
was about

**\$7.52**



Cash receipts for the sale  
of milk by dairy farmers  
amounted to

**\$18.3  
million**



**97%**

of all milk produced in 2015  
was used and consumed in  
the form of fluid milk

Alabama has two commercial  
milk processing plants  
located in **Birmingham**  
and **Cowarts** as well as  
**two on-farm milk  
bottling** plants and a  
commercial ice cream plant

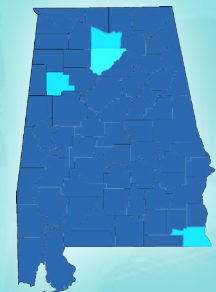
Alabama is...

**45th** in milk production

**43rd** in number of milk  
cows

**49th** in milk output per  
cow

**44th** in the number of  
licensed dairy  
operations



Top milk producing counties:

- 1) Houston
- 2) Morgan
- 3) Fayette
- 4) Cullman



To learn more about  
Alabama dairy farmers,  
please visit

[www.southeastdairy.org](http://www.southeastdairy.org)

\*All facts are based on 2015 USDA and AGI data

