

# 2016 Kentucky Dairy Facts



**KENTUCKY**  
is home to  
approximately  
**61,000**  
milk cows

who live on  
**690**  
dairy farms



A typical Kentucky dairy farm  
has a herd of about

**88**

milking cows



Each dairy cow in Kentucky  
provides an average of



**2,047**  
**gallons**  
of milk per year

That's an average of

**6.7 gallons of**  
**milk per day**

That's enough to make  
5.8 pounds of cheese or  
2.7 pounds of butter each day



The total amount of milk  
produced in the state  
amounted to

**1.1 billion**  
**pounds**

That's equal to over  
**125 million**  
**gallons**



In 2015, a dairy cow in  
Kentucky cost about



**\$1,993**

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

**\$10.33**



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

**\$192**  
**million**



**87%**  
of all milk produced in 2015  
was used and consumed in  
the form of fluid milk

Kentucky has six commercial  
milk processing plants  
located in **Louisville,**  
**London, Murray,**  
**Somerset, Fulton** and  
**Winchester**

Kentucky is...

**27th** in milk production

**26th** in number of milk  
cows

**40th** in milk output per  
cow

**12th** in the number  
of licensed dairy  
operations



Top milk producing counties:

- 1) Barren (110.6 million pounds)
- 2) Logan (108.7 million pounds)
- 3) Adair (73.8 million pounds)
- 4) Christian (73.5 million pounds)
- 5) Warren (72.9 million pounds)
- 6) Metcalfe (67.0 million pounds)



To learn more about  
Kentucky dairy farmers,  
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