

2016 Louisiana Dairy Facts



LOUISIANA

is home to approximately

14,000
milk cows

who live on

110
dairy farms



A typical Louisiana dairy farm has a herd of about

127

milking cows



Each dairy cow in Louisiana provides an average of



1,562
gallons

of milk per year

That's an average of

5.1 gallons of milk per day

Which is enough to make 4.4 pounds of cheese or 2.1 pounds of butter each day



The total amount of milk produced in the state amounted to

188 million pounds

That's equal to over

22 million gallons



In 2015, a dairy cow in Louisiana cost about



\$1,993

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

\$8.00



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

\$34 million



99%

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

Louisiana has four commercial milk processing plants located in **Baton Rouge, Hammond, Lafayette and New Orleans**

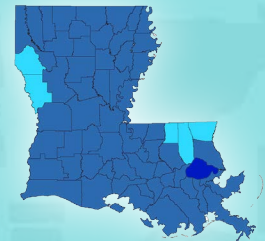
Louisiana is...

40th in milk production

37th in number of milk cows

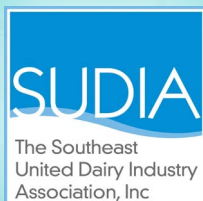
47th in milk output per cow

36th in the number of licensed dairy operations



Top milk producing parishes:

- 1) Tangipahoa (80.4 million pounds)
- 2) Washington (56.4 million pounds)
- 3) St. Helena (16.9 million pounds)
- 4) De Soto (9.8 million pounds)
- 5) Sabine (7.7 million pounds)



To learn more about Louisiana dairy farmers, please visit

www.southeastdairy.org



*All facts are based on 2015 USDA and LDAF data