

# 2016 Mississippi Dairy Facts



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is home to approximately  
**11,000**  
milk cows

who live on  
**75**  
dairy farms



A typical Mississippi dairy farm has a herd of about

**147**

milking cows



Each dairy cow in Mississippi provides an average of



**1,744**  
**gallons**

of milk per year

That's an average of

**5.7 gallons of milk per day**

That's enough to make  
4.9 pounds of cheese or  
2.3 pounds of butter each day



The total amount of milk produced in the state amounted to

**165 million pounds**

That's equal to over

**19 million gallons**



In 2015, a dairy cow in Mississippi cost about



**\$1,993**

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

**\$8.93**



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

**\$30 million**



To learn more about Mississippi dairy farmers, please visit

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

**99%**

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

Mississippi has two commercial milk processing plants located in **Hattiesburg** and **Kosciusko** and **four on-farm bottling plants**

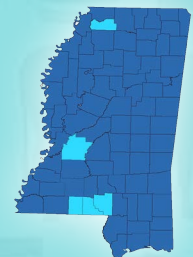
Mississippi is...

**41st** in milk production

**41st** in number of milk cows

**46th** in milk output per cow

**38th** in the number of licensed dairy operations



Top milk producing counties:

- 1) Marion
- 2) Tate
- 3) Walthall
- 4) Hinds
- 5) Pike

