

2016 South Carolina Dairy Facts



SOUTH CAROLINA is home to approximately **15,000** milk cows

who live on **53** dairy farms



A typical South Carolina dairy farm has a herd of about **200** milking cows



Each dairy cow in South Carolina provides an average of



2,023 gallons of milk per year

That's an average of

6.6 gallons of milk per day

That's enough to make 5.7 pounds of cheese or 2.7 pounds of butter each day



The total amount of milk produced in the state amounted to

261 million pounds

That's equal to over

30.0 million gallons



In 2015, a dairy cow in South Carolina cost about



\$1,993

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

\$10.21



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

\$47 million



99%

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

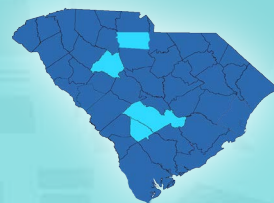
South Carolina has four commercial milk processing plants located in **North Charleston, Spartanburg, Edgefield and Walterboro**

South Carolina is... **38th** in milk production

36th in number of milk cows

41st in milk output per cow

39th in the number of licensed dairy operations



Top milk producing counties:

- 1) Newberry
- 2) Orangeburg
- 3) Bamberg
- 4) Chester

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