

# 2016 Tennessee Dairy Facts



**TENNESSEE**  
is home to approximately  
**45,000**  
milk cows

who live on  
**317**  
dairy farms



A typical Tennessee dairy farm has a herd of about

**129**

milking cows



Each dairy cow in Tennessee provides an average of



**1,917**  
**gallons**  
of milk per year

That's an average of

**6.3 gallons of**  
**milk per day**

That's enough to make  
5.4 pounds of cheese or  
2.6 pounds of butter each day



The total amount of milk produced in the state amounted to

**742 million**  
**pounds**

That's equal to over

**86 million**  
**gallons**



In 2015, a dairy cow in Tennessee cost about



**\$1,993**

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

**\$9.68**



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

**\$133**  
**million**



**98%**

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

Tennessee has six commercial milk processing plants located in **Nashville (2), Murfreesboro, Memphis, Powell and Athens**

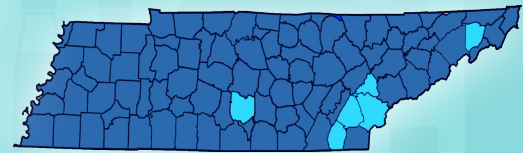
Tennessee is...

**30th** in milk production

**30th** in number of milk cows

**42nd** in milk output per cow

**19th** in the number of licensed dairy operations



Top milk producing counties:

- 1) Loudon (100.9 million pounds)
- 2) Monroe (56.0 million pounds)
- 3) Bradley (50.3 million pounds)
- 4) Bedford (43.9 million pounds)
- 5) Washington (36.2 million pounds)
- 6) McMinn (35.2 million pounds)



To learn more about Tennessee dairy farmers, please visit

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

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

