

# 2017 Alabama Dairy Facts



## ALABAMA

is home to approximately  
**7,000**  
milk cows

who live on  
**35**  
dairy farms



A typical Alabama dairy farm  
has a herd of about

**200**  
milking cows



Each dairy cow in Alabama  
provides an average of



**1,528**  
gallons  
of milk per year

That's an average of

**5 gallons of  
milk per day**

That's enough to make  
4.3 pounds of cheese or  
2 pounds of butter each day



Brought to you by the  
dairy farm families of  
Alabama.

The total amount of milk  
produced in the state  
amounted to

**92 million  
pounds**

That's equal to

**10.7 million  
gallons**



In 2016, a dairy cow in  
Alabama cost about



**\$1,760**

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

**\$7.01**



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

**\$15  
million**



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**97%**

of all milk produced in 2016  
was used and consumed in  
the form of fluid milk

Alabama has four  
commercial milk  
processing plants located in  
**Birmingham, Cowarts,  
Decatur and Slocomb.**

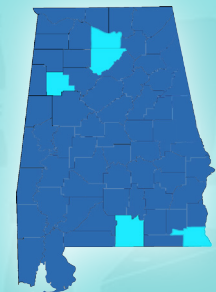
Alabama is...

**46th** in milk production

**43rd** in number of milk  
cows

**49th** in milk output per  
cow

**44th** in the number  
of licensed dairy  
operations



Top milk producing counties:

- 1) Houston
- 2) Morgan
- 3) Fayette
- 4) Cullman
- 5) Covington

