

# 2017 Georgia Dairy Facts



**GEORGIA**  
is home to  
approximately  
**84,000**  
milk cows

who live on  
**193**  
dairy farms



A typical Georgia dairy farm  
has a herd of about

**400**

milking cows



Each dairy cow in Georgia  
provides an average of



**2,533**  
gallons  
of milk per year

That's an average of

**8.3 gallons of  
milk per day**

That's enough to make  
7.1 pounds of cheese or  
3.4 pounds of butter each day



The total amount of milk  
produced in the state  
amounted to

**1.83 billion  
pounds**

That's equal to

**213 million  
gallons**



In 2016, a dairy cow in  
Georgia cost about



**\$1,760**

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

**\$12.31**



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

**\$315.3  
million**



**83%**

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

Georgia has four commercial  
milk processing plants  
located in **Atlanta,**  
**Braselton, Norcross**  
and **Lawrenceville**

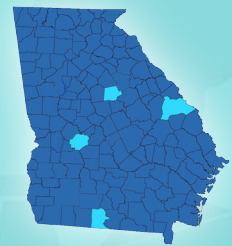
Georgia is...

**23rd** in milk production

**25th** in number of milk  
cows

**19th** in milk output per  
cow

**24th** in the number  
of licensed dairy  
operations



**Top milk producing counties:**

- 1) Macon (347.0 million pounds)
- 2) Burke (135.5 million pounds)
- 3) Brooks (128.8 million pounds)
- 4) Putnam (123.8 million pounds)

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