

2017 Kentucky Dairy Facts



KENTUCKY
is home to
approximately
58,000
milk cows

who live on
630
dairy farms



A typical Kentucky dairy farm
has a herd of about

92
milking cows



Each dairy cow in Kentucky
provides an average of



2,101
gallons
of milk per year

That's an average of

**6.9 gallons of
milk per day**

That's enough to make
5.9 pounds of cheese or
2.8 pounds of butter each day



The total amount of milk
produced in the state
amounted to

**1.0 billion
pounds**

That's equal to

**122 million
gallons**



In 2016, a dairy cow in
Kentucky cost about



\$1,760

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

\$9.75



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

**\$172.5
million**



87%

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

Kentucky has six commercial
milk processing plants
located in **Louisville,**
London, Murray,
Somerset, Fulton and
Winchester

Kentucky is...

27th in milk production

27th in number of milk
cows

37th in milk output per
cow

13th in the number
of licensed dairy
operations



Top milk producing counties:

- 1) Logan (111.7 million pounds)
- 2) Barren (111.1 million pounds)
- 3) Adair (89.6 million pounds)
- 4) Christian (78.5 million pounds)
- 5) Warren (78.2 million pounds)
- 6) Metcalfe (65.4 million pounds)

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*All facts are based on 2016 USDA and KDA data