

# 2017 Louisiana Dairy Facts



## LOUISIANA

is home to approximately

**12,000**  
milk cows

who live on  
**100**  
dairy farms



A typical Louisiana dairy farm has a herd of about

**120**

milking cows



Each dairy cow in Louisiana provides an average of



**1,638**  
gallons

of milk per year

That's an average of

**5.4 gallons of milk per day**

Which is enough to make 4.6 pounds of cheese or 2.2 pounds of butter each day



The total amount of milk produced in the state amounted to

**169 million pounds**

That's equal to

**20 million gallons**



In 2016, a dairy cow in Louisiana cost about



**\$1,760**

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

**\$7.51**



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

**\$27.5 million**



**99%**

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

Louisiana has four commercial milk processing plants located in **Baton Rouge, Hammond and Lafayette**

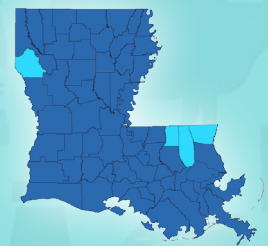
Louisiana is...

**40th** in milk production

**39th** in number of milk cows

**47th** in milk output per cow

**36th** in the number of licensed dairy operations



Top milk producing parishes:

- 1) Tangipahoa (72.6 million pounds)
- 2) Washington (53.6 million pounds)
- 3) St. Helena (11.5 million pounds)
- 4) De Soto (9.7 million pounds)

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