

# NEW MEXICO DAIRY FACTS



New Mexico has approximately

**110**  
**DAIRY FARMS**  
that are home to approximately  
**288,000**  
**MILK COWS**

The average herd size of those New Mexico dairy farms is approximately

**2,618** **MILKING COWS**

Which places New Mexico

**9<sup>TH</sup>** **IN NUMBER OF MILK COWS**

There are  
**6 DAIRY PROCESSING PLANTS\***  
throughout the state of New Mexico



The total amount of milk produced in New Mexico is about

**7.1 BILLION POUNDS**  
That's equal to  
**831 MILLION GALLONS**

Within the United States, New Mexico is

**9<sup>TH</sup>** **IN MILK PRODUCTION**

Each dairy cow in New Mexico provides an average of

**2,886 GALLONS OF MILK PER YEAR**

That's equal to  
**7.91 GALLONS PER DAY**

**9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**IN MILK OUTPUT PER COW**



In 2022, the cost of a New Mexico dairy cow was about

**\$1,475**

The average value of the milk a New Mexico dairy cow produces in one day is about

**\$11.08**

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

**\$1.3 BILLION\***



All facts are based on 2022 USDA data unless otherwise noted

\*Based on 2021 USDA data

Brought to you by the dairy farm families of New Mexico.

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