



2017 COLORADO DAIRY FACTS

Colorado has approximately



120 dairy farms

that are home to approximately

151,000 milk cows



The average herd size

of those Colorado dairy farms is approximately

1,258 milking cows

Which places Colorado



15th in number of milk cows

The total amount of milk produced in Colorado is about

3.9 billion pounds

That's equal to

453 million gallons



There are **7** milk processing plants throughout the state of Colorado



Within the United States, Colorado is



15th in milk production



1st in milk output per cow

Each dairy cow in Colorado provides an average of

3,130 gallons



of milk per year

That's equal to

8.6 gallons per day

In 2017, the cost of a Colorado dairy cow was about

\$1,774



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



\$13.02

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

\$717 million



In 2017, Colorado dairy exports totaled

\$89 million



All facts are based on 2017 USDA data.

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