



2017 MONTANA DAIRY FACTS

Montana has approximately



65 dairy farms

that are home to approximately

14,000 milk cows



The average herd size

of those Montana dairy farms is approximately

215 milking cows

Which places Montana



37th in number of milk cows

The total amount of milk produced in Montana is about

295 million pounds

That's equal to

34 million gallons



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



Within the United States, Montana is



36th in milk production



22nd in milk output per cow

Each dairy cow in Montana provides an average of

2,539 gallons



That's equal to

6.7 gallons per day

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

\$1,774



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

\$10.56



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

\$53.9 million



In 2017, Montana dairy exports totaled

\$7 million



All facts are based on 2017 USDA data.

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