

# COLORADO DAIRY FACTS



Colorado has approximately

**140**  
**DAIRY FARMS**  
that are home to approximately  
**197,000**  
**MILK COWS**

The average herd size of those Colorado dairy farms is approximately

**1,642** **MILKING COWS**

Which places Colorado

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

There are  
**8 DAIRY**  
**PROCESSING PLANTS\***  
throughout the state  
of Colorado



The total amount of milk produced in Colorado is about

**5.2 BILLION**  
**POUNDS**  
That's equal to  
**599 MILLION**  
**GALLONS**

Within the United States, Colorado is

**13<sup>th</sup>** **IN MILK**  
**PRODUCTION**

**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**IN MILK**  
**OUTPUT**  
**PER COW**



Each dairy cow in Colorado provides an average of

**3,040** **GALLONS**  
**OF MILK PER YEAR**

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

In 2020, the cost of a Colorado dairy cow was about

**\$1,287**

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

**\$13.46**

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

**\$900**  
**MILLION\***



All facts are based on 2020 USDA data unless otherwise noted

\*Based on 2019 USDA data

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