

# NEW MEXICO DAIRY FACTS



New Mexico has approximately

**140**  
**DAIRY FARMS**  
that are home to approximately  
**330,000**  
**MILK COWS**

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

**2,357** 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

**8.2 BILLION POUNDS**  
That's equal to  
**950 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

**2,878 GALLONS OF MILK PER YEAR**

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

**6<sup>th</sup>**  
IN MILK OUTPUT PER COW



In 2020, the cost of a New Mexico dairy cow was about

**\$1,388**

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

**\$11.53**

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

**\$1.3 BILLION\***



All facts are based on 2020 USDA data unless otherwise noted

\*Based on 2019 USDA data

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

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