

# MONTANA DAIRY FACTS



Montana has approximately

**45**  
**DAIRY FARMS**  
that are home to approximately  
**10,000**  
**MILK COWS**

The average herd size of those Montana dairy farms is approximately

**222** MILKING COWS

Which places Montana

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

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



The total amount of milk produced in Montana is about  
**223 MILLION POUNDS**  
That's equal to  
**26 MILLION GALLONS**

Within the United States, Montana is

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

Each dairy cow in Montana provides an average of

**2,593** GALLONS OF MILK PER YEAR

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

**23<sup>RD</sup>** IN MILK OUTPUT PER COW



In 2022, the cost of a Montana dairy cow was about

**\$1,625**

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

**\$11.04**

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

**\$43**  
**MILLION\***



All facts are based on 2022 USDA data unless otherwise noted

\*Based on 2021 USDA data

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