

# COLORADO DAIRY FACTS



Colorado has approximately

**110**  
**DAIRY FARMS**  
that are home to approximately  
**203,000**  
**MILK COWS**

The average herd size of those Colorado dairy farms is approximately

**1,845** **MILKING COWS**

Which places Colorado

**13<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  
**604 MILLION GALLONS**

Within the United States, Colorado is

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

Each dairy cow in Colorado provides an average of

**3,019** **GALLONS OF MILK PER YEAR**

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

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



In 2021, the cost of a Colorado dairy cow was about

**\$1,375**

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

**\$12.35**

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

**\$892**  
**MILLION\***



All facts are based on 2021 USDA data unless otherwise noted

\*Based on 2020 USDA data

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