

# TEXAS DAIRY FACTS



Texas has approximately

**340**  
**DAIRY FARMS**  
that are home to approximately  
**622,000**  
**MILK COWS**

The average herd size of those Texas dairy farms is approximately

**1,829** **MILKING COWS**

Which places Texas

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

There are  
**32 DAIRY PROCESSING PLANTS\***  
throughout the state of Texas



The total amount of milk produced in Texas is about  
**15.6 BILLION POUNDS**  
That's equal to  
**1.8 BILLION GALLONS**

Within the United States, Texas is

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

Each dairy cow in Texas provides an average of

**2,916** **GALLONS OF MILK PER YEAR**

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

**5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**IN MILK OUTPUT PER COW**



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

**\$1,350.00**

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

**\$12.83**

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

**\$2.7**  
**BILLION\***



All facts are based on 2021 USDA data unless otherwise noted

\*Based on 2020 USDA data

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