

# MONTANA DAIRY FACTS



Montana has approximately

**55**  
**DAIRY FARMS**  
that are home to  
approximately  
**12,000**  
**MILK COWS**

The average  
herd size of those  
Montana dairy farms is  
approximately

**218** **MILKING**  
**COWS**

Which places Montana

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

There are  
**12 DAIRY**  
**PROCESSING PLANTS**  
throughout the state  
of Montana



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

Within the  
United States,  
Montana is

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

Each dairy cow in Montana  
provides an average of

**2,510** **GALLONS**  
**OF MILK PER YEAR**

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

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



In 2019, the cost  
of a Montana dairy  
cow was about

**\$1,225**

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

**\$10.48**

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

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

In 2019,  
Montana dairy  
exports totaled

**\$7**  
**MILLION**



All facts are based on  
2019 USDA data.

Brought to you by the **dairy farm families of Montana.**

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