

2016 Virginia Dairy Facts



VIRGINIA
is home to
approximately
90,000
milk cows

who live on
608
dairy farms



A typical Virginia dairy farm
has a herd of about

143
milking cows



Each dairy cow in Virginia
provides an average of

2,263
gallons
of milk per year

That's an average of
7.4 gallons of
milk per day

Which is enough to make
6.4 pounds of cheese or
3 pounds of butter each day



The total amount of milk
produced in the state
amounted to

1.76 billion
pounds

That's equal to over
205 million
gallons



In 2015, a dairy cow in
Virginia cost about



\$1,993

The average value of
a day's milk per cow
was about

\$11.42



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

\$317
million



78%

of all milk produced in 2015
was used and consumed in
the form of fluid milk

Virginia has seven commercial
milk processing plants
located in **Mt. Crawford,**
Newport News,
Lynchburg, Richmond,
Winchester, Wirtz and
Verona

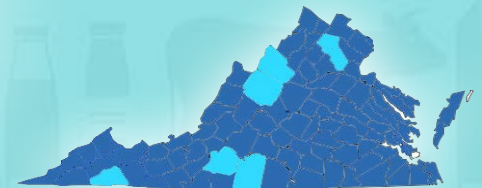
Virginia is...

24th in milk production

23rd in number of milk
cows

35th in milk output per
cow

14th in the number
of licensed dairy
operations



Top milk producing counties:

- 1) Rockingham (543.2 million pounds)
- 2) Franklin (194.5 million pounds)
- 3) Pittsylvania (160.5 million pounds)
- 4) Augusta (144.1 million pounds)
- 5) Fauquier (47.2 million pounds)
- 6) Washington (46.2 million pounds)



To learn more about Virginia
dairy farmers, please visit

www.southeastdairy.org



*All facts are based on 2015 USDA and VDACS data