

2018 VIRGINIA DAIRY FACTS

Your milk starts on one of

586

dairy farms in Virginia



A typical Virginia dairy farm has a herd of about

149 milking cows



Virginia is home to approximately



87,000 milk cows

Each Virginia dairy cow provides an average of

2,320

gallons of milk per year

That's about

7.6 gallons of milk per day

Which is enough to make **3.1** pounds of butter



Or **6.5** pounds of cheese



The total amount of milk produced in the state amounted to

1.72

billion pounds

That's equal to

200 million gallons



of all milk produced in 2017 was used and consumed in the form of fluid milk

In 2017, a dairy cow in Virginia cost about

\$1,615



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

\$11.84



2017 top milk producing counties were:

1. Rockingham (576 million pounds)
2. Franklin (180 million pounds)
3. Pittsylvania (158 million pounds)
4. Augusta (142 million pounds)
5. Washington (46 million pounds)

Virginia is

24th

in milk production

23rd

in number of dairy cows in the United States

33rd

in milk output per cow



14th

in the number of licensed dairy operations

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