2016 North Carolina Dairy Facts

NORTH CAROLINA
is home to approximately
47,000
milk cows

who live on
230
dairy farms

A typical North Carolina dairy farm has a herd of about
204
milking cows

Each dairy cow in North Carolina provides an average of
2,439 gallons
of milk per year

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

That's enough to make
6.9 pounds of cheese or
3.3 pounds of butter each day

The total amount of milk produced in the state amounted to
986 million pounds

That's equal to over
115 million gallons

In 2015, a dairy cow in North Carolina cost about
$1,993

The average value of a day's milk per cow was about
$12.31

Cash receipts for the sale of milk by dairy farmers amounted to
$177 million

94%
of all milk produced in 2015 was used and consumed in the form of fluid milk

North Carolina has four commercial milk processing plants located in **Winston-Salem, High Point (2)** and **Asheville**

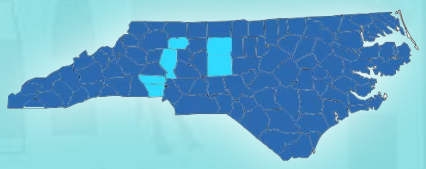
North Carolina is...

28th in milk production

29th in number of milk cows

21st in milk output per cow

24th in the number of licensed dairy operations



Top milk producing counties:

1) Iredell *(363.6 million pounds)*
2) Randolph *(114 million pounds)*
3) Yadkin *(50.4 million pounds)*
4) Gaston *(42 million pounds)*
5) Guilford *(37.5 million pounds)*
6) Lincoln *(37.3 million pounds)*

AMERICAN DAIRY ASSOCIATION of NORTH CAROLINA

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*All facts are based on 2015 USDA and NCDA&CS data