

2018 NORTH CAROLINA DAIRY FACTS

Your milk starts on one of

190

dairy farms in North Carolina



A typical North Carolina dairy farm has a herd of about

237

 milking cows

North Carolina is home to approximately



45,000

 milk cows

Each North Carolina dairy cow provides an average of

2,460

gallons of milk per year

That's about

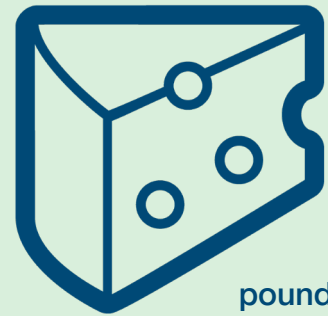
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 gallons of milk per day

Which is enough to make

3.3

 pounds of butter



Or

6.9

 pounds of cheese



The total amount of milk produced in the state amounted to

952

 million pounds

That's equal to

111

 million gallons

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

In 2017, a dairy cow in North Carolina cost about

\$1,615



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

\$12.55



2017 top milk producing counties were:

1. Iredell (341.9 million pounds)
2. Randolph (119.3 million pounds)
3. Yadkin (46.0 million pounds)
4. Gaston
5. Lincoln

North Carolina is

29th

 in milk production

29th

 in number of dairy cows in the United States

25th

 in milk output per cow

24th

 in the number of licensed dairy operations

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