



# 2022 Dairy Facts Virginia

Virginia is home to about  
**73,000** dairy cows.  
Dairy cows produced an average of  
**7.7** gallons of milk per day.

Each dairy cow in Virginia provided an average of **2,343** gallons of milk in 2021. The total amount of milk produced equaled  
**171 million gallons**

Virginia has **421** dairy farms and a typical dairy farm has a herd of about  
**173** milking cows

**90%**

of all milk produced in 2021 was used and consumed in the form of fluid milk

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The average value of a day's milk per cow was about  
**\$12.33**

In 2021, a dairy cow in Virginia cost about  
**\$1,240**

The top five milk producing counties:

- 1. Rockingham**
- 2. Pittsylvania**
- 3. Augusta**
- 4. Franklin**
- 5. Washington**

## Rankings

**24th** in milk production,  
**24th** in number of milk cows,  
**35th** in milk output per cow, and  
**14th** in the number of licensed dairy operations during 2021 in the United States.

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\*All facts are based on 2021 USDA and AGI data.