Your milk starts on one of 600 dairy farms in Kentucky.

A typical Kentucky dairy farm has a herd of about 93 milking cows.

Kentucky is home to approximately 56,000 milk cows.

Each Kentucky dairy cow provides an average of 2,162 gallons of milk per year.

That’s about 7.1 gallons of milk per day.

Which is enough to make 2.9 pounds of butter.

Or 6.1 pounds of cheese.

The total amount of milk produced in the state amounted to 1.00 billion pounds.

That’s equal to 121 million gallons.

The average value of a day’s milk per cow was about $11.03.

In 2017, a dairy cow in Kentucky cost about $1,615.

In 2017, top milk producing counties were:

1. Barren (122.6 million pounds)
2. Logan
3. Adair (94.2 million pounds)
4. Christian (85.8 million pounds)
5. Warren

Kentucky is 27th in milk production and 27th in the number of dairy cows in the United States.

37th in milk output per cow and 13th in the number of licensed dairy operations.

Brought to you by the dairy farm families of Kentucky.

*All facts are based on 2017 USDA and KDA data.

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