

Dairy's Footprint in South Dakota:

Source: Ag United: <http://agunited.org/key-facts/dairy-farms/> Dr. Taylor- SDSU Economic Dept 2012.

By the Numbers:

Dairy Farms in South Dakota: 247

Dairy cows: 114,000

Pounds of milk produced each year: 2.1 billion

In South Dakota, the average dairy cow produces 22,666#/cow or about 6.8 gallons of milk per day. That's more than 2,502 gallons of milk over the course of a typical year.

Pounds of cheese produced each year: 265 million pounds

SD farm milk production grew by 13% April 2016 vs same month 2015.(USDA). Highest in the US.

Economic Impact: Dr Taylor, SDSU, Economic Dept. - 2012 figures.

One dairy cow generates \$26,294 dollars of economic impact to the community each year

Economic impact of dairy production: \$647 million annually

Economic impact of dairy processing: \$1.77 billion annually

The total economic impact of the dairy industry is: \$2.41 billion annually

Jobs created by dairy industry: 6,230

Business taxes paid by dairy industry: \$28,558,873

Each year, South Dakota dairy cows consume on average 336,720 Tons of hay/haylage, w/ dry and heifers an additional 80,797 Tons, or 298,226 acres or 466 sections of land.

Each year, South Dakota dairy cows consume on average 552,000 Tons of silage or 27,600 acres

Each year, South Dakota dairy cows consume on average 8.9 Million bu of corn, w dry and heifers additional 1.44 Million bushels, or 69,000 acres of corn @ 150 bu/acre or 108 sections of land.

Each year, South Dakota dairy cows consume on average 74,520 Tons of DDG's, or 85,166 bu corn @1.7# DDG/bu corn

Each year, South Dakota dairy cows consume on average 31,050 Tons of soybean meal or 1.3M bu or 32,600 acres of soybean or 51 sections of soybeans.

Surrounding State Facts:

Source: Midwest Dairy: <https://www.midwestdairy.com/farm-life/dairy-in-the-midwest/>

Milk production on South Dakota farms yielded approximately \$427 million in milk sales annually.

Milk production on Nebraska dairy farms yielded approximately 139 million gallons of milk in 2014.

The size of the dairy farming industry in Iowa makes it the 12th largest milk-producing state in the United States.

Dairy farms sustain rural America. Even under the nation's current economic challenges, dairy farmers and companies are a lifeline to more than 900,000 jobs in the United States.

General Fun Facts:

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Milk is local. It takes about 48 hours for milk to travel from dairy farms to the store.

Did you know that cows make 6 to 8 gallons of milk each day? That equals about 125 glasses a day or 2,500 gallons of milk each year. From just one cow!

Did you know cows that are milking eat 100 lbs. of feed a day? Most cows chew 50 times a minute for 10 hours a day.

The carbon footprint of a gallon of milk has decreased by 2/3 in the last 60 years.