



In the state of South Dakota, there are about

# 255

licensed dairy herds.<sup>1</sup>



South Dakota is the

# 21st

largest milk-producing state in the United States.<sup>4</sup>



South Dakota dairy farms produced approximately

## 246 million gallons of milk

in 2014.<sup>2</sup>

South Dakota has **10** plants that process one or more dairy products.<sup>5</sup>

In South Dakota, the average dairy cow produces about

## 6.8 gallons of milk per day

<sup>4</sup>

South Dakota farms generate approximately

## \$427 million in milk sales annually.

<sup>3</sup>

That's more than

## 2,502

gallons of milk

over the course of a typical year.<sup>4</sup>

It takes about

# 48 hours

for milk to travel from the farm to the dairy case.



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<sup>1</sup> Milk Production (February 2015) 17 USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service

<http://www.usda.gov/nass/PUBS/TODAYRPT/mkpr0215.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> The United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service

<http://quickstats.nass.usda.gov/#A3CCB672-0BEA-3416-9BCB-9D281130AA64>

<sup>3</sup> The United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service

<http://quickstats.nass.usda.gov/#E67E1229-4799-352F-98B1-C933E1F3E0B2>

<sup>4</sup> The United States Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/dairy-data.aspx>

<sup>5</sup> BNP Media Dairy Foods Online, Dairy Plants USA Directory <http://directoryupdate.bnpmmedia.com/ibg/index.cfm?pid=491&lid=656&>

<sup>6</sup> Derived from United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service

<http://quickstats.nass.usda.gov/results/B478F6A6-ED7D-3932-8797-6700379144C0>